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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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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Post Office Department in Ottawa finds itself in rather a strange predicament, and before a settlement is arrived at there will doubtless be considerable agitation set on foot by business men. The trouble has arisen as to the postage which should be paid on type-written letters. A fair interpretation of the law would lead us to the conclusion that a merchant who sends a private or business letter, the product of his type-writer, should pay the full postal rate. But if he instructs his assistant to print two or three hundred of the same letters as an ordinary business circular, the Post Office Department claims that each circular should carry a three-cent stamp.

Just here comes in the strong argument of the officials, for how are they supposed to know whether a merchant sends out one or thousand such letters without going to the trouble of opening each one. Were the merchant, however, to go to a printing office and give an order to have the same matter printed in briefer, long primer or pica type a one-cent stamp would be deemed sufficient postage; but were the circular executed in type-writing type the Post Office Department would clamor for full letter rate. The position is simply this: Merchants must have circulars printed in Roman, italic, or script type to enable them to take advantage of the one-cent rate; but if they desire to luxuriate in modern peculiarities, such as type-writing type, they will have to bear a very heavy extra postal tax. The question is a novel one, and it may be claimed that both parties have right on their side.

A TIME there was when the postal rate was fifteen, then ten, five, and it is now three cents. A time there was, too, when any suggestion as to the free delivery of letters would be received by red tapism and the utterance of a madman or a traitor who desired to bring about an era of chaos and a dismemberment of the Empire. But the world moved, and the post office authorities had to push along with it, the only exception, we regret to note, being a retrograde movement since Hon. Mr. Haggart assumed control. The simplest way to adjust the present difficulty, it seems to us, would be to adopt the one-cent rate for every half-ounce closed letter. This would do away with the post card system, a system which has served very well in its day, but its day is nearly done, for many good reasons. The claim will of course be advanced that this step is altogether too premature and out of the question, as it would cause a very heavy loss of revenue. Doubtless there would be a falling off, but it would not, we feel assured, be anything like as heavy as might be supposed. In the old days newspaper men made a little money when their dailies were five cents a copy, but now they are doing much better at a one-cent charge. The new departure we suggest would, most assuredly, be a most popular one, for the people of the Dominion would all share in the boon. For the first year or two, if Hon. Mr. Haggart's department showed signs of extreme poverty, bordering on insolvency, Hon. Mr. Bowell could well afford to come to the rescue.

A MAN, by name Gilbert, was arrested recently at Marsilles as a tramp and a thief, who, on examination, was found out to be the Communist who gave the order to the squad which killed Monsigneur Darboy, Archbishop of Paris, and other prominent citizens, including a number of priests, all of whom had been detained as hostages for the success of the Commune in 1871. Gilbert had been transported to Caledonia, but returned when the general amnesty was proclaimed. He declares that he would himself have been put to death if he had not given the order. His present pitiable condition is an illustration of the scriptural aphorism that "the way of the transgressor is hard."

The Municipal Council of Corunna, Spain, has been dismissed by the Minister of Justice for encouraging infidel outrages against religion in the midst of a community which is thoroughly and

devoutly Catholic. The people are demonstrative in their expressions of pleasure at this action of the Minister of Justice, who further instructed the law officers to repress all insults against the Catholic religion. Corunna is the place where Sir John Moore, the British General, was killed, and where he was buried "at dead of night, with his martial cloak around him."

FRANCE appears to be ahead of us in America in the matter of fixing the responsibility of railway disasters upon those who are to blame on account of negligence as well as malice aforethought. The engineer, Caron, and the station-master De Garrois, have been sentenced to imprisonment for negligence of duty whereby a disaster occurred at St. Mandé. The engineer is to have two years' and the station-master four months' imprisonment.

The German Government has become more than usually severe against those who say or do anything which may be construed into disrespect towards the Kaiser, or any of the royal families of the Empire. A few days ago two men on the street were overheard talking and laughing about the growth of the Kaiser's new beard, and they were warned by the police to be more respectful. A Socialist was also arrested for saying that Otto, the crazy king of Bavaria, is the most useful sovereign in Europe, because he spends his time at peeling potatoes. This was considered to be an insult to the Kaiser and all the German sovereigns.

The Russian Government is preparing to take very severe measures against all who do not belong to the Russian Church, or as it is called, the Orthodox Greek Church. The spread of other denominations has been so great as to alarm the authorities, and now it is proposed to condemn to hard labor and banishment all who are found guilty of enticing orthodox Russians from the established Church. Dissenters are to be ineligible to any employment in village administration, and they will not be allowed to have orthodox domestics, for fear that the latter may embrace the religion of their employers. The Stundists, a name by which most of the Protestants of Russia are called, are to be under police supervision, and orthodox Russians are forbidden to become Stundists.

The spirit with which Parnellism is being confronted by the Nationalists of Ulster is illustrated in the following remarks made at a national demonstration in Belfast a couple of weeks ago by Mr. Vesey Knox, Nationalist Member of Parliament for the West Division of Cavan County: "So far as Ulster is concerned, we have no Parnellism worth speaking of. We are not going to fight with a corpse; we don't want to bury it; we may let the dead bury their dead. We have to turn and meet our old enemies—to meet the old enemies of Ireland, the Tory clique who have misruled it for so long. We have to take up the thread where it was dropped; we have to carry on the old fight for the old cause on the old lines. We will only differ in this, that we have learned from the war of the past few months and more self-reliance. And I think that now, when we have been victorious in this fight, it is a fitting time to count over the profit and the loss of this movement. I for one do not think we would find the loss very heavily overbalancing the gain. We have gained much by this bitter struggle through which we have had to pass; we have got rid of the one-man power. For the future we are determined never to place it within the power of any one man to rule the cause of Ireland. We have got rid of Irish 'chiefs,' and we are going to take to the more civilized form of Irish leaders. There are a great number of our people who have returned from the great Republic of America, and they know that in American parties there is no such thing known or understood as a man exercising supreme and dominant power over his party. They have their leaders, but those leaders may be put aside any day by a convention of the party. We have much to learn from American politics. We are learning this lesson from them to-day. We, for the future, intend to have our party organized, but on the same lines that the great parties beyond the Atlantic are organized. They must be based on the people, they must consist of the people, and they must be ruled by the people."

Earthquake shocks were felt on Saturday night, 30th ult., through Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. A good deal of damage to brick buildings is reported from Mount Vernon, Illinois, without loss of life. In Jacksonville, Ill., four distinct shocks were felt.

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

### St. Mary's Cathedral Improvements.

Among the extensive improvements that the people of St. Mary's parish have accomplished of late none has been of more importance than the altering and improving of the old St. Mary's school building, situated in rear of St. Mary's Cathedral. As a school building the structure had lost its usefulness, and upon completion of the new building on Mulberry street, the old place was vacated and for months men have been engaged upon the exterior and the interior. Yesterday the renewed place was open for inspection, and hundreds of people visited it. Those who were familiar with the old school could hardly believe that they were within the same walls. On the ground floor is now situated a beautiful bright chapel with sanctuary, altar and confessionals complete and seats capable of accommodating two hundred people. The wood work is in light colors, as are the pews, which, with the altar, were made by the celebrated Bennett Furnishing Company, London. The chapel connects with the vestry of the cathedral and also with the presbytery. It is as neat and comfortable a little place of worship as there is in the city. It will be used instead of the cathedral for week-day services during the winter months, the expense and trouble of heating, lighting, opening and closing the big doors thus being saved. The chapel contains a small organ. The ceremony of dedication will take place shortly.

On the ground floor also is a room in which the Ladies' Aid Association of the church will meet, and where the choir will practice. The room is plainly furnished with seats and a piano. On the second floor is a large hall for the League of the Cross and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In rear of this is a large recreation-room, where the young men who form the above societies may spend a pleasant evening and improve their physical beings. The library of the League of the Cross will also be on the second floor, and will be open to the parish. The society has the nucleus of a good library, and will also have a reading-room, there being ample space.

The building is fitted throughout with leaded cathedral glass windows in a neat, pretty pattern. The gas fixtures are yet to be put in the upstairs halls. The building was tucked-pointed and painted at the same time that the church was, and the two make a very handsome building.

There have also been some important improvements made in the church. The old pulpit, which used to be rolled back and forth according as it was needed, has been done away with, and a stationary pulpit erected at the side of the sanctuary. The Communion rail has been lowered, and one of the steps which ran along the whole front of it has been done away with. The old confessionals have been replaced by fine new ones.

The new open-work fence around the presbytery is almost completed; and altogether church, school, hall, chapel and presbytery are a credit to the bishop and clergy, and to the people too.

A bazaar and fancy fair, under the auspices of the ladies of the congregation of St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Lawrence was opened in the drill shed on Monday evening. The proceeds are to be applied towards liquidating the debt on St. Joseph's hospital. The Bishop returned from the North Tuesday and assisted at High Mass on Sunday. An excellent sermon on the gospel of the day was preached from the new pulpit by Rev. Father Clarkson. After Mass His Lordship addressed the congregation on behalf of the hospital. A circular from the Bishop was read in all the churches on Sunday directing that a collection be made during the month of October in aid of the new Memorial Church of St. Patrick at Rome.

Rev. Father Donnelly is ill at St. Joseph's hospital.

Rev. Lawrence Lynch, late of Nicolet college, has been received into the diocese.

### Episcopal Visitation to Arthur.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

After a series of episcopal visitations made to the parishes of Mount Forest, Gleng, Melancthon and Picaville, His Lordship Bishop Dowling, accompanied by Father Hinchey, of Hamilton, arrived in Arthur on Saturday, the 19th inst., for the two-fold purpose of blessing a bell, which had been purchased for St. John's church in that parish—which ceremony took place on Sunday—and for administering confirmation, which he did on the following day (Monday), to the many youthful candidates who, by diligent preparation and careful training, had made such progress in the knowledge of Christian doctrine as to warrant their presentation as worthy recipients of that great sacrament.

An episcopal visit by His Lordship at any time marks an event which is looked forward to with pleasure, and is hailed with delight by the faithful of this large parish; but on this occasion those feelings were greatly intensified by the unusual and interesting additional ceremony of consecrating a bell, which was to characterize it.

The bell, which, independent of its attachments, weighs one ton and a quarter, was purchased from the celebrated firm of Meneely & Co., Troy, N. Y., and is truly "A thing of beauty and a joy forever," comprising, together with a magnificent appearance, all those fine qualities of tone for which the productions of that reliable firm are so justly celebrated.

Sunday morning was ushered in bright and lovely, and from an early hour the parishioners and visitors from many other

parishes came pouring in by rapidly increasing numbers as the time approached to assist at the various Masses, and be present at the consecration of the bell.

Among the clergy noticeable in the sanctuary were Rev. Father Doherty, the pastor of the parish, were the Rev. Father Schweitzer, of Berlin College, and Rev. Fathers Hinchey and Healy of Hamilton. The latter are natives of the parish of Arthur.

Mass was celebrated at an early hour by His Lordship, assisted by Fathers Doherty and Schweitzer. This was followed by a solemn High Mass at the usual hour, at which Rev. Father Schweitzer was celebrant, Fathers Hinchey and Healy acting as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

The grand altar and the altar of the Blessed Virgin were so locally decorated for the occasion that the observant visitor would have no difficulty in concluding, from the taste displayed thereby, that none other than the cultivated minds and deft hands of the pious and industrious Sisters conceived and carried out the loving work of beautifying in such a manner these sacred altars.

At 10 o'clock His Lordship, attended by the several priests, proceeded to the base of the high tower, inside which the bell was suspended at a convenient height, and performed the lengthy and solemn ceremonial of consecration. The bell was then gradually and carefully raised by means of ropes and pulleys to the top of the tower, and on a considerable height in the tower—a feat which, on account of its great weight, required the united strength of many men to accomplish.

Many of those belonging to other denominations, with that noble, liberal and manly spirit which has always in this locality characterized the dealings with their Catholic fellow-subjects in matters affecting the interests of our holy religion, took a prominent and conspicuous part in rendering assistance in every way to the Bishop. Even the genial Registrar of North Wellington, who claims to be an advanced Methodist, was seen grasping the rope and tugging at it with a might and main that would justify the title he is classed high as a "Turk of war man."

The whole performance, as well as also the words found necessary to be done previously on the tower in order to render it secure and to receive a bell of so great a weight, was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Geo. Gray, of Harrison, Ont., whose proficiency in the architectural art, no less than his many other engaging qualities, would deserve more than a passing notice, did only space permit. Under his careful supervision and able management everything in connection with the performance worked smoothly and well, and the ponderous bell was finally adjusted in its proper place, and its loud and clear, yet sweet and mellow tones were first heard at the elevation of the Sacred Host, sending a thrill of joy and happiness through the hearts of the large and expectant congregation who had assembled from many parts to be present on the great day.

At the conclusion of High Mass His Lordship gave his benediction. But before the conclusion he ascended the high step of the altar and read the gospel appropriate for the day—the eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, St. Matthew ix, 1-8. This gospel contains an account of how our Lord, who was the first of palsy, who had been brought Him, by first curing his soul, when He said to him "Be of good heart, son, thy sins are forgiven thee," at which some of the Scribes murmured, saying within themselves, "He blasphemeth." But our Lord, knowing their hearts, upbraided them, saying to them, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? whether it is easier to say, 'thou art forgiven thee,' or to say, 'arise and walk?' He then said to the scribes, 'Take up your bed and go into thy house, and he arose and went into his house. And the multitude, seeing it, glorified God who had given such power to men. Bearing the last verse of the gospel read, His Lordship delivered a sermon from this text, which, for power of reasoning, lucidity of expression and comprehensiveness of idea, was, in the opinion of his numerous hearers, who listened to him with breathless attention up to its very close, never equalled by any such heard in Arthur before.

Concluding his rich and eloquent discourse he prayed that every blessing may descend upon those present and upon their families, Protestant and Catholic alike. The choir, under the careful training and able leadership of the talented and accomplished organist, Miss Appleton, rendered Mozart's Te Deum in a highly artistic style. They are deserving of special mention for the manner in which they rendered the "Te Deum," and also the offertory "O, Cor Amoris Victima," by Lambillotte. A collection was taken up during the ceremonies, which, as is usual with such collections in Arthur, amounted to a very handsome sum.

At 7 o'clock in the evening "the sweet Vesper call" was the first time rung by the recently placed bell, and large numbers came in response to the soul-thrilling invitation. Here, again, the choir succeeded in surpassing themselves, the rich and clear, melodious and powerful voice of the leader—Miss Appleton—being heard in captivating strains soaring high and ecstatic in the music of "O Sacramentis," by Rossini and the "Tantum Ergo," by Hagen.

The Rev. Father Hinchey, of Hamilton, ascended the pulpit after Vespers and delivered a sermon which, coming from so young a priest, gives great promise in future years of a very brilliant career. After the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the congregation dispersed, and thus ended what will long be remembered as a "red letter day" and one too of the most happy reminiscences by the faithful of the parish of Arthur.

On Monday about one hundred and twenty boys and girls, all candidates for confirmation, who had been carefully instructed by the good Sisters who are in charge of the Separate school in Arthur, assembled in the spacious school-room. Forming in a long line, the boys placed first, and the girls, dressed in white robes, wearing flowing white veils surmounted with wreaths of flowers, emblematical of the modesty and innocence of the Christian virgin, and all bearing tokens of their holy condition, in procession to the church, and again from their places in the church to the Communion railing, in an order and with a precision that evinced much discipline and training. After Mass His Lordship catechized the children principally on the nature and efficacy of the seven sacraments, and particularly on the importance and necessity of the great sacrament they were about to receive. His manner was mild, affable and even humorous and was well calculated to allay all feelings of nervousness on the part of his youthful respondents. It is needless to say that he found them well prepared and highly proficient in the knowledge required of them.

After confirmation had been administered he again addressed them at some length on the nature of the graces they had received, and the obligations they had contracted thereby, counselling them in a very earnest manner to be industrious in their habits, respectful to their superiors and useful and obedient to their parents, and to continue in a state of grace by the practice of every virtue during the remainder of their lives, and concluded by administering to them a pledge of total abstinence until they should arrive at the age of twenty-one.

It is on occasions of this kind that the priceless worth of the education obtained in

Catholic schools begins to be appreciated. Not only are the thoroughness and refinement of the Christian education imparted to the pupils of the Arthur Separate school under the tutelage of the Sisters of St. Joseph, to whose charge it was committed some years ago, very apparent and gratifying features of it; but judged even by the standards of the pupils in secular education only, it has long since made, and still continues to maintain a very high record.

About a year ago it was a remarkable fact that three pupils from this school writing a sentence in the entrance examination among about sixty from the village and surrounding district, took the three highest places by making the greatest number of marks made thereat. This year again a very large percentage of those who wrote passed very successfully. No wonder that His Lordship, in the great success which seems to be the result of the most estimable and religious and moral education obtainable in Catholic schools, and painfully sensitive to the dangers to faith and morals that exist for Catholic children who attend the Public schools of the country, so forcibly advocates the establishment of Catholic Separate schools wherever possible and so strongly denounces the Catholic parent who refuses to send his children or pay his taxes thereto, because far more the distance is some greater or the rate somewhat higher than attends to the Public school.

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## Our Parish Bell.

Lines suggested by the blessing and first tolling of the bell of St. John's Church in the parish of Arthur, on the 24th September, 1891, and most respectfully inscribed to the Rev. J. P. Doherty, P. P., Arthur.

God bless our parish bell!  
Loud may its echoes swell!  
Heard ye its dulcet tones as each car falling  
For over hill and dale,  
Over stream and silent vale,  
Like the clear trumpet tones of angels calling  
From nigh the heavenly throne,  
Telling in earnest tone,  
Loudly, yet sweetly in accents of warning,  
Ho! for the Saviour's name,  
Far, far beyond the sky,  
Who here their duty do, night, noon and morn-  
ing.

Borne on the morning breeze  
Far over hills and trees  
Comes its sweet sound to us cheerily bringing  
Joy and gladness and cheer,  
Calling us every where  
Early to assist with its joyful ringing:  
Bidding us every day,  
Be going to work or play,  
Humbly to ask in devout adoration  
Him, through whose mercy we  
Here still, re left to be  
Hoping and toiling for our soul's salvation.

Then as at noonday hour  
From out its lofty tower  
Peals forth the Angel's! Faith's inspiration  
Points that great mystery  
In sacred history  
Of the holy, sublime Incarnation;  
Sees the affinity  
Of the Blessed Trinity  
With human nature, through her whose ex-  
ception  
From sin's infirmity  
Fitted her here to be  
Mother of Him who achieved our redemption.

Oh, too, as an evening  
Over fields far and wide  
Spreads her soft mantle, when day is declining,  
And the sun's slanting rays  
Herald night's coming maze  
With lengthening shadows, on each object shing-  
ing:  
Ringing out merrily,  
Will to us cheerily  
Come its sweet Vesper call, that ere retiring,  
Piously proffering  
Our humble offering,  
We meetly may celebrate the day's closing.

God bless our parish bell!  
When too its echoes call  
Long, low and plaintive, like far thunder roll-  
ing,  
And to eternity  
From prison fitting free  
Gone has some soul, then we know by its toll-  
ing  
Gone to the judgment seat!  
Gone! the Great Judge to meet!  
Fond loving friends leaving sad, broken-  
hearted—  
Oh! to ethereal skies  
Then let our prayers rise  
Imploping rest for the soul that's departed.  
—M. C. O'Donnell.

## FROM FORT ERIE.

The Catholic people of Fort Erie deeply regret to learn that the Rev. Father Best, O. C. S., is to be relieved of the burden of attending this parish. Although a short time in our midst, he has shown himself to be a worthy priest of God in every respect. Although he has been with us but twice a month since February last he has left many marks of his piety and zeal, and endeared himself to every heart with whom he had come in contact. Since his advent here he has had, through his untiring energy, a First Communion and confirmation class, and held a successful Lenten retreat, under unfavorable circumstances, the proceeds of which he unselfishly donated towards building a steeple on our church, which was a long-felt want and although we welcome a resident pastor we cannot but deplore the loss of a pastor who has so ardently cared for the spiritual and corporal necessities of his people while attending this mission. The united prayers of the entire parish will always attend him.

The Jesuit College of Boston during the first week of the present term, beginning in September, had the extraordinarily large number of 315 students registered on its books.