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We intend to publish next month a brief history of the Separate School Question before the Parliament of Canada.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH.

The day following Mr. Parnell's speech at Wexford, Her Majesty's Secretary for Ireland—She has no *Irish* Secretary—was heard to say, that before long he would have Mr. Parnell kicking his heels together in Kilmainham jail. And sure enough, twenty-four hours later that historic prison had closed its doors upon the Irish leader. Mr. John Dillon, whom Gladstone had just belabored with fulsome flattery, was the next victim; and soon most of the principal members of the Land League were behind the bars. Fortunately, Biggar, Healey and Egan succeeded in making their escape, the two former to England, the latter to France.

Almost simultaneously with these arrests appeared an address by the League to the Irish people, bearing the signatures of Parnell, Kettle, Davitt, Brennan, Dillon, Sexton and Egan. With the exception of Dillon and Egan all were prisoners, and how their names were affixed, or authorized to be attached to the document, puzzled the Government officials. "Fellow country men," they said, "the hour to try your souls and to redeem your pledges has arrived. The Executive of the National Land League, forced to abandon its policy of testing the Land Act, feels bound to advise the tenant-farmers of Ireland, from this day forth, to pay no rents under any circumstances to their landlords, until the Government relinquishes the existing system of terrorism and restores the constitutional rights of the people. Do not be daunted by the removal of your leaders. Do not let yourselves be intimidated by threats of military violence. It is as lawful to refuse to pay rents as it is to receive them. Against the passive resistance of the entire population military power has no weapon. Funds will be poured out un stintedly for the support of all who may endure eviction in the course of the struggle. Our exiled brothers in America may be relied upon to contribute, if necessary, as many millions of money as they have contributed thousands to starve out landlordism, and bring English tyranny to its knees. You have only to show that you are not unworthy of their boundless sacrifices. One more crowning struggle for your land, your homes, your lives—a struggle in which you have all the memories of your race, all the hopes of your