

of pastors, is instantly aroused in their behalf, and at every risk of his own peace and safety he will extend to them his special protection. Each one of them has been purchased at the price of the blood of the Son of God; and for each, as for all, the Bishop must give an account before the tribunal of the Supreme Judge. The loss of the least of these little ones would be a loss to the fold; and when danger threatens them, the whole fold is disturbed, and the hearts of all, the shepherd and the flock, are stirred by a common sympathy for them—of grief for their peril, and yearning for their rescue, and joy for their return to the peaceful enclosure of the fold. Wherefore we invite you to repeat with Us to-day the inspired Canticle of Zachary, the elect father of Christ's precursor, sung by that aged patriarch on the Archangel's announcement to him that the hour of Israel's liberation from the primal curse and fatal blight of centuries had at length come: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, because he hath visited and wrought the redemption of His people . . . salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us." (Luke 1.)

PREDICTED RESULTS HAVE BEEN ATTAINED.

For in the fulness of our heart's gladness and gratitude to the God of mercies, We announce to you that the helpless little children of Our flock, heretofore abandoned to the guardianship of the most bigoted enemies of their faith and their Church, with imminent peril of their souls' salvation, have, by an extraordinary interposition of Divine Providence, been delivered "from the hand of them that hate us" and restored to the salutary care of their spiritual mother, the mystic spouse of Christ. The Neronian decree, whereby the Public School Board, or rather the eight trustees who (the number is now known) voted for its enactment, sought to stigmatize our inoffensive and helpless little children, whom they had previously welcomed to their schools, and disgrace them in their own estimation and in the eyes of society throughout the whole course of their lives by branding them as "expelled," was directed indeed against a particular section only of Catholics, so far as the external sense of its terms would seem to indicate. But, reading it according to its spirit, and having regard to the preternatural malignity of the words selected and obstinately maintained by the Board at the instigation of the legal luminary who rules their counsels; likewise to the declarations boastfully made, that this cruel vengeance upon the Catholic children was meant for a spiteful challenge to their

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