ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

Letters recently received from St. Augustine, Florida, state that His Grace Archbishop Gauthier is gradually improving in health and that he hopes to return for Easter unless the weather should prove cold and unfavorable, in which case he would not return until the warm weather sets in.

During the past year many very desirable improvements have been made in St. Mary's Cemetery, and the committee have done everything to beautify and adorn the last resting place of our beloved dead. A new tank and mill will be erected, having a capacity of two thousand five hundred gallons of water, and all other needed improvements will be made this spring.

Recently the Rev. Father Stanton pleaded the cause of the poor of the parish in St. Francis Xavier Church, Brockville, and took up a collection amounting to $123 00

Recently Mayor Kent and the Aldermen of the city paid an official visit to the Hotel Dieu Hospital and were most graciously received by Rev. Mother Ladauversiere and her assistant. They were shown all over the institution, and were much pleased with all they saw, and, as Mayor Kent expressed himself, it was a revelation to them. There are fifty Sisters attached to the hospital devoted to the alleviation of human suffering, for sixty years this noble institution has flourished in this city, and has conferred its benefits not only on patients from the city but the country, irrespective of nationality or religion. No case of suffering has ever yet been refused within its walls, and the work that has been accomplished for so many years has but proved the noble work performed by the hospital Sisters of St. Joseph, who devote their lives to the love of God and suffering humanity and who see but God in the sick and wounded one. With such a history in the past, and its present flourishing work and condition, we trust that the corporation of the city of Kingston will give an adequate grant for the support of this noble institution.

The following timely letter has been addressed to the Belleville Intelligencer by J. C. Henley & Co., of Read, in reference to an article copied from the Toronto Telegram, purporting to give the oath of the Jesuits and stating that the Jesuits rule the Catholic Church:

Sir—I notice in your last weekly a clipping from the Toronto Telegram, purporting to give the oath of the Jesuits and stating that Jesuits rule the Church of Rome.

Both statements are simply untrue. No Jesuit or other Catholic takes such an oath and the Jesuits do not rule the Church of Rome.

While noting with pleasure the increasing tolerance and fairness of the Protestant press and public, it is sometimes hard to repress our indignation at the absurd and untrue statements occasionally appearing in reference to Catholics and Catholic Orders.

Yours truly,
J. C. HANLEY.

The movement in favor of expunging the objectionable clauses in the King's declaration at the coronation has been universal throughout the British Empire, and has been joined in by all enlightened and fair-minded Protestants who see the utter inconsistency of offering insult to millions of most loyal British subjects when such is not offered to Jew, Turk, Brahmin or Mohommedan within the confines of the Empire.

Many patrons and benefactors of the good Sisters of Charity of Ballaghaderin, Co. Mayo, Ireland, throughout the Archdiocese were kindly remembered by the good Sisters, who sent each an Irish Shamrock in time for St. Patrick's day. The good and noble work done by the Sisters in Ballaghaderin and neighborhood is well known throughout the British Empire, and all Irish Catholics blessed with means can bestow a devotion on no more worthy objects and where the donor will have the benefit of the Masses and devotions of this noble and heroic community.

The ladies of the congregation of St. Francis de Sales, Smith's Falls, are preparing for a bazaar which they intend holding next week during the Easter holidays. The good people of Smith's Falls are very energetic, and when they undertake anything are sure to make it a success. Under the direction of their devoted pastor, Rev. Father Kelly, the Catholics of Smith's Falls have been foremost in every good work and are ever ready and willing to aid and assist their pastor.

Rev. Father Davis of Perth, on account of St. Patrick's day falling this year on Sunday, postponed the celebration of the day until Saturday, 23rd inst. On that day High Mass was celebrated by the pastor in St. John the Baptist church, and in the evening in the Opera House, under the patronage of the trustees of the Separate schools, the Young Irishmen's Literary and Benevolent Association of Montreal performed in a most creditable manner an Irish drama in five acts entitled "My Geraldine." A full house greeted the performance, and the entire drama from first to last was rendered in a most artistic style reflecting the highest credit on the Montreal Society. In this connection we must congratulate Father Davis on the present flourishing condition of the Separate schools of Perth, and the great success of the teachers, the Sisters of Charity, from the House of Providence of this city. During a recent visit to Perth we had the pleasure of visiting the schools and found abundant evidence of the faithful and conscientious discharge of their duties by the teachers and steady progress of the pupils in all branches. For many years the progress and flourishing condition of the parish of Perth have been well known, and the present active and energetic pastor steadily advances and enhances the good work done by the many and faithful priests who preceeded him. The love and esteem of the Perth people for their pastor remind us forcibly of that of the faithful in the old land for thier "Soggarth Aroon."

Rev. Father Grogan, C. S. S. R., Toronto, conducted the retreat of the Sisters of the House of Providence last week.

Rev. Father Grogan, C. S. S. R., preached in St. Mary's cathedral on Sunday, 24th ult.

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

In order to accommodate the inhabitants of Ottawa East, as mentioned in this column some time ago, His Grace the Archbishop has arranged for a chapel of ease in that quarter, and thus will be obviated a journey of considerable length to the nearest churches, St. Joseph and the Sacre Cœur. Mass was celebrated there for the first time on Passion Sunday, and sermons were preached in French and English by Rev. Fathers of Mary Immaculate, Charlebois and Cornell respectively.

It is to be regretted that such a harsh view has been taken by a correspondent in the CATHOLIC RECORD of 30th inst., of a simple statement of fact and of a friendly suggestion offered in this column two weeks ago respecting the formation of a Debating Club in connection with St. Patrick's Association of this city. Adolescence is no crime. Yet, had "Debating Club," who has undertaken to resent an "attack that never was made, and of an imaginary "chastisement" that was never intended, consulted older heads before "rushing into point," if nothing more, they would have undoubtedly curbed his sarcasm in alluding to the appointment of a "Spiritual Adviser" (in big capitals, too). It is certainly not respectful towards his Ecclesiastical Superiors.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

FORTY HOURS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The devotion of the Forty Hours was begun in the cathedral, Friday morning, at 8 o clock. Solemn High Mass was celebrated, after which the Blessed Sacrament was carried in procession. At Vespers Palm Sunday evening the devotion was closed. His Lordship was present, gave the indulgence and carried the Blessed Sacrament in procession. The communicants were very numerous, and the attendance during the hours of exposition was excellent.

His Lordship was present at the Solemn High Mass in the cathedral, Palm Sunday, and blessed and distributed palms.

On Monday evening the Rev. Father Waechter, C. R., Berlin, gave an instruction to a large number of Italians, assembled in the cathedral chapel.

Mrs. O'Connell, of Oakville, mother of Dean O'Connell, Mount Forest and grandmother of Father Coty, Hamilton, died in that town on the 28th inst. She was buried there on the 30th inst., a solemn Requiem Mass having been celebrated at St. Andrew's church, by Dean O'Connell, assisted by Father Coty as deacon, Father Kelly, Walkerton, subdeacon, Father O'Reilly, Oakville, was master of ceremonies. Father Brennan, C. S. B., Toronto, preached, Fathers Hinchy and Doyle, Hamilton, were also present.

The Young Ladies' Reading Circle of St. Patrick's church held their regular meeting last Monday evening. The programme consisted of the roll call with quotations, from Adelaide Procter's poems. Recitation the "Last Hymn" by Miss M. Dermody. A short sketch of the life of A. Procter was read by Miss M. Knight. An essay on "The Trials and Sufferings of the Missionaries that first visited the Niagara Peninsula" was read by Miss M. Donovan. Rev. Father Coty gave a very interesting lecture on the "Progress of the World During the Past Century." Miss E. Radigan contributed a piano solo. The programme was concluded by a debate, resolved "That Solitude is more Beneficial to Mutual and Moral Improvement Than Society. It resulted in favor of the affirmative. Misses E. Hennessey and L. Foster spoke for the affirmative, Misses T. Mooney and N. Galvin for the negative.

DIOCESE OF ST. ALBERT.

Pincher Creek, a most flourishing parish in South Alberta, at the foot of the Rockies, and near the Crow's Nest Pass, will soon have a fine new church; the old one, built by the Oblate Fathers, being too small to accommodate the Catholic congregation there. R. F. Blanchet O. M. I., is in charge of the parish. R. F. Lacasse has been prevented from conducting the Jubilee Retreat, at Pincher Creek, at the appointed time, owing to the quarantine. Some cases of small-pox having been reported, the village was quarantined.

The people of Saint Albert, in recognition of the able manner in which R. F. Lacasse has provided for their spiritual interests during the Jubilee Retreat, have presented him with an address and an offering.

R. F. Dom Benoit, Superior of the Regular Canons of the Immaculate Conception, is now paying a visit to His Lordship, Right Rev. Bishop Grandin

A new Catholic school district has been erected at the Lake St. Ann Mission.

A most interesting Catholic paper is now being published monthly at the Lake St. Ann Mission by the Rev. Father Lizee, O. M. I., in charge of the Mission. This paper is intended for the Cree speaking people, and printed in syllabic characters. Amateurs would not lose their money and time in securing some copies, besides contributing some five cents towards a good work.

St. Albert, March 22nd, 1901.

MARY TO CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

"THERE STOOD BY THE CROSS OF JESUS HIS MOTHER."

Son of my gladness,
Nailed to the tree!
Son, King and Saviour
Look upon me!
Lamb I have tended
Dying forlorn.
Head I have pillowed,
Circled with thorn!
Jesus, Son Jesus,
Once on my breast,
Angels all gladly
Sang Thee to rest!
I saw Thy scourging,
Saw Thy limbs pale;
'Neath Thy Cross bearing,
Saw Thy limbs fail!
Son I have loved so
All through the years,
Steep was the hill side,
Salt were my tears!
Through my heart, Jesus,
Passes the sword,
As the rude soldier
Pierces his Lord!
White are the holy
Lips I have kissed:
Lo, the Three Crosses
Loom through a mist!
Jesus, Son Jesus,
Nailed to the Tree,
Look on Thy Mother,
Look upon me,
Where is there anguish
Like unto mine?
Where is compassion
Like unto Thine?

—Nora Rylman in Catholic World.

ST. JEROME'S COLLEGE, BERLIN.

News Record, Berlin.

St. Jerome's Literary and Dramatic Society has held an enviable reputation for a decade of years for the success of their dramatic entertainments. Every year they add fresh laurels to their wreath of honors, and this year, by their masterly work in that interesting classical drama, "Damon and Pythias," they may be regarded as having reached the top of the ladder of histrionic perfection.

The manner in which the artists acquitted themselves, the interpretation of their lines, their portrayal of the finer shades of character prove that they had a true insight into the nature of the characters they impersonated, a matter that reflects very laudably upon the institution where they study their dramatic literature.

"Damon and Pythias" is a strictly classical play. It was written by John Banim. The scene is laid in Syracuse, Sicily. The story deals with the sublime friendship that existed between Damon and Pythias. The tyrant Dionysius, by fraudulent means, is first elected general of the army; then King of Syracuse. Damon protests, and is doomed to death. Pythias offers himself as a hostage that Damon may gain a six hours respite to visit his wife and child. Lucullus, a freedman, slays Damon's horse to cut off his return. During Damon's absence, Calautha, the betrothed of Pythias, employs the agacerie of her tears and the charms of her smiles, to seduce Pythias to escape death by the proffered opportunity, but he, true to the natural virtues which he possessed in a sublime degree, prefers death to dishonor. The scaffold is prepared for his execution, when Damon returns from a pathetic leave-taking from his wife and child, in despair, and at the last moment, and Dionysius though apparently relentlessly cruel is so filled with admiration at the conduct of Damon and Pythias, that he revokes his order and pardons Damon.

The part of Damon was filled by Mr. Hugh Hennessey, whose work was much superior to what we usually find in amateur companies, and of which would have done credit to any professional in the most difficult role played in the Twin City this season. His precision in tone and action and his attractive stage appearance and general propriety of his performance are the qualities that won for him universal admiration.

Mr. Michael Weidner, as Pythias, the second character in order of importance, brought out very ingeniously the respective influences that the love of the joys of life and the principles of true honor had upon him. His performance required uncommon talent and Mr. Weidner acquitted himself nobly.

The impersonation of Dionysius by Mr. Frank Youaki could scarcely have been improved upon; his stage movements were good, and the expression of his countenance always corresponding with the drift of the play, give evidence that he had a clear conception of his difficult part.

Mr. Thomas Mahony and Mr. O. Wernet, as Philistius and Damocles, leaders of the senate and courtiers of Dionysius, manifested very naturally that comportment compatible with the duty assigned them by the tyrant.

Mr. Ant. Cyran, as Procles, skilfully portrayed that haughtiness and cool indifference that alternately characterized the ancient Greek military officer. Mr. Jos. Schmidt, as Lucullus, was faithful to the character of a grateful freedman. Calantha, the bride of Pythias, was cleverly impersonated by Mr. Frank O'Drowski. His graceful carriage, his delicate gestures and the modulations of his speech were extraordinarily well adapted to the various passions of Calantha's experience. Mr. Charles Brohmann, as Hernion, had a queenly appearance, and was a fit companion for Damon. The minor characters played their parts quite consistently. The college orchestra furnished very appropriate music and added greatly to the interest of the entertainment.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR

The Boers are still showing considerable activity in both the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, notwithstanding that they still meet with great losses which must tell very seriously upon their stability and must hasten the end of their continuance in arms. At so many as 21 points scattered over both colonies they have within the past ten days wrecked the same number of railway trains. During February they lost an unusually large number of men, 190 being killed, 370 wounded, and 1630 captured or surrendered.

At Kaffirs Kraal General Babington gained a very decisive victory over 1500 Boers on March 22nd and 23rd. Over thirty Boers were killed in this engagement. The British casualties were 2 killed and 7 wounded, 70 Boers were also killed in a fight at Lichtenburg on March 20, and Delarey's force suffered a severe defeat at a point midway between Lichtenberg and Krugersdorp. At Ventersdorp, also, he endured another reverse whereby he lost 140 captured, besides guns and supplies taken by the British.

In England, there is considerable dissatisfaction that such generous terms were offered to General Botha, and the demand is universal that nothing under unconditional surrender be accepted. So strongly is this feeling manifested that Mr. Chamberlain has promised in Parliament that there will be no more peace negotiations, but that the war will be pushed vigorously until the surrender be complete.

Thirty thousand more troops have been sent to South Africa and are now on their way, the purpose being to bring the war to a speedy end.

It is said that De Wet has now 400 followers, but it is expected he will be reinforced by many Transvaalers.

Prinsloo and Englebrecht, two more Boer Commandants, were captured on March 30, by Colonel Wallace commanding the Imperial Light Horse. A Boer convoy of 23 waggons was taken at the same time.

It is now asserted that the threatening aspect of affairs in China, which may possibly cause hostilities between Great Britain and Russia is the real cause why Botha refused to accept Kitchener's peace terms.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN PERTH.

St. Patrick's day, falling on a Sunday, its proper celebration in Perth was deferred until Saturday, March 23. In the morning at 9 o'clock High Mass was celebrated by the zealous pastor, Rev. Father Davis, and in the evening in the Opera House the annual concert, under the auspices of the trustees of the Separate school, was held. As in the past, nothing was left undone by the committee in charge to ensure the success of the entertainment.

Heretofore it has been the custom to produce a programme composed mainly of local talent, but this was found to entail considerable work to the good Sisters of Charity who teach in the Separate school, and it also had the effect of breaking in upon the general routine of school work and consequently lessening the effect of the time at the disposal of the scholars, many of whom took part in the entertainment.

On this occasion the trustees, in their wisdom, extended an invitation to the Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association of Montreal, to put on a suitable entertainment. This invitation was accepted and the large audience assembled on that occasion were well repaid by having the beautiful five-act Irish Drama "My Geraldine" placed before them in a manner truly worthy of the performers and the grand Association they represented.

Mayor J. A. Stewart opened the entertainment in a few well-chosen remarks, and concluded his pithy address by extending to the audience on behalf of the trustees of the Separate school a hearty welcome and their thanks for the very large and representative attendance.

Then followed the drama replete with Irish dances, Irish melodies and Irish humor. It would be almost impossible to particularize the performers, as the play on the whole was such as would do credit to a professional troop, and if the caste had not been heralded as amateurs it would have been difficult to have realized the difference. The singing and acting of Miss Annie Rowan, Miss Tina Kitts, Miss Alice Jones, Miss Gertie O'Brien and Miss E. K. Peacock was of such a nature as to leave no room for improvement, while Mr. J. J. McLean, as "Teddy Cregan," a light hearted lad, acted and looked his part to perfection.

The Opera House was packed to overflowing, and many were turned away unable to gain admission.

The following was the caste:

"Squire Arden, of Ardenmore," Mr. Jas. H. Reynolds; "Philip Carrol, a well to do farmer," Mr. M. A. Phelan; "Teddy Cregan, a light-hearted lad," Mr. J. J. McLean; "Owen McShane, who plots to ruin," Mr. M. J. Power; "Maurice Arden, the Squire's son (in love with Geraldine)," Mr. J. P. Cunningham; "Terence Cregan, Father to Teddy," Mr. John E. Slattery; "Larry Mooney, the cripple," Mr. R. J. Love; "Mary Carroll, Phil's daughter (a wronged woman)" Miss Annie Rowan; "Nora Maguire, Teddy's sweetheart," Miss Tina Kitts; "Mrs. Bebe, the Squire's housekeeper," Miss Alice Jones; "Geraldine" (2nd act), Miss Gertie O'Brien; "Geraldine" (ten years after), Miss E. K. Peacock; accompanist, Mrs. H. T. Noonan, Perth.

DR. O'HAGAN AND THE CANADIAN MAGAZINE.

Toronto, April 1st, 1901.

To the Editor of the RECORD:

Sir:—I am somewhat surprised at your comment upon the Canadian Magazine in your issue of March 30th. We were very frank about Dr O'Hagan's book certainly, but I hardly think our criticism was "a brutal and unjustifiable attack." Allow me to quote the words of the reviewer as they appeared in our issue for August 1899:

"His themes are well chosen, but his thoughts are decidely commonplace. His technique is very faulty, showing that his knowledge of metre and metrical construction is exceedingly limited. His pioneer songs have been surpassed by a number of Canadian poets, but some of his general poems such as "An Invitation" and "Life and Death," exhibit greater power and some divine afflatus."

Now, Mr. Editor, in all fairness, is that "brutal and justifiable?" I cannot think it is. Severe it surely is, but not "brutal." A scholar like yourself cannot but admit that it is, to some extent, justifiable, for some of the poems are weak. I am sure even Dr. O'Hagan will admit that. If they were all strong and perfect, he would be included among our first poets; but no person has ever so claimed him. He may yet win the honor, for he is certainly capable of great work.

Then you say of this criticism that it is "the work of a literary thug" and "inspired by a malevolent antipathy to things Catholic." Allow me to confess in answer that I wrote the paragraph myself, and I confess it the more freely because I believe my life has been a contradiction of these charges. Some of my best friends are Catholics, and I hope that I have never violated that spirit of good fellowship which obtains between them and me.

I have had several places of evidence that the Magazine is not considered anti Catholic. Less than a fortnight ago a gentleman from Guelph called into the office and ordered his magazine stopped because it was pro Catholic. This is one; I can give you others if you still believe that I am actuated by so base a motive as "malevolent antipathy to things Catholic."

Assuring you that, though a Protestant, I am no hater of my brother, believe me

Yours sincerely,
JOHN A. COOPER.

Editor Canadian Magazine.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Yes, it is fair, as other days are fair!
Woven clouds and purple sky, the wind's soft lyre,
Bird-song and murmuring stream; all things conspire
To shed a sweet enchantment on the air.

And yet, mesecems, a spirit of sadness broods
Over the earth—the shadow of a fear.
This burdened spray doth bear its burning tear,
And in my heart an ancient grief intrudes.

Perchance 'twas such a day as this when He
For utter Love toiled up that Way to gain
Releasement for our souls from bonds of sin.
Yea, such a day all wrapt in ardent revelry,
Till the great heart of Nature heaved with pain,
And built itself a tomb to sorrow in.

—Anon in Catholic World.

A PLEASING CONTRAST.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD:

Dear Sir—We have frequently noticed in the Province of Ontario the constant efforts of a certain class of writers to belittle and vilify the people of the neighboring Province of Quebec. Even their zealous and devoted priesthood come in for a fair share of misrepresentation and abuse. A specimen of this sort of venomous exudations was published in the Toronto Mail not very long ago, as follows:

"Much has been said about the attitude of Quebec. In Quebec as in Ireland the instructed and intelligent people are loyal and British to the core, while the ignorant people are under the control of the priests, the enemies of the empire."

It is to be regretted that any writer should so far forget himself or allow his bigotry to over ride his reason as to make this wholesale charge—for it is more than implied—against a people whose religion, far from making them "enemies of the Empire," inculcates loyalty and obedience to all properly constituted authority.

Let us now turn from such noxious specimens of baneful bigotry to the kindly Christian sentiments as expressed by Mr. Gilbert Parker, the eminent writer, in regard to the same priests and people.

In his dedication of his new book, "The Lane That had no Turning" to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Parker says, among other things:

"I have, as you know, travelled far and wide during the past seventeen years, and, though I have seen people as frugal and industrious as the French-Canadians, I have never seen frugality and industry associated with so much domestic virtue, so much education and intelligence, and so deep and simple a religious life; nor have I ever seen a priesthood at once so devoted and high-minded in all that concerns the home life of their people as in French Canada. A land without poverty, and yet without riches, French Canada stands alone, too well educated to have a peasantry, too poor to have an aristocracy; as though in her the ancient prayer had been answered: "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but feed me with food convenient for me." And it is of the habitant of Quebec, before all men else, I should say: "Born with the golden spoon in his mouth."

"To you, sir, I come with this book, which contains the first things I ever wrote out of the life of the Province so dear to you, and the last things, also, that I shall ever write about it. I beg you to receive it as the loving recreation of one who sympathizes with a people of whom you come, and honors their virtues, and who has no fear for the unity, and no doubt as to the splendid future of the nation, whose fibre is got of the two great civilizing races of Europe."

This outpouring of such a noble, generous heart is very consoling indeed, and more than compensates for all the venom and abuse that has been heaped upon the heads of the people of Quebec and their beloved clergy as well as, incidentally, upon a fair share of the people of the other Provinces, who with the people of Quebec form at least 43 per cent. of the people of the Dominion.

LUKE KING.

March 29 1901.

BY CALVARY.

When Lord, Thy whip-traced shoulders took that load,
Our saving wood,
What joy was mine, in chancing on the road
Where Simon stood,
To read what boundless patience lit Thy face
And speed unto Thy side to share a place.

"Ah! child, the cross owns no restricted path,
Nor certain years;
For yesterday, marked by Thy brother's wrath
And stung by jeers,
Thy arm's reply went not, Thy curse was stay'd,
And, lo, my burden felt thy love's sweet aid."

But love it were, O Lord, that veil to hold,
Whose cool embrace
So fair impressed within its gentle fold
Thy tender face,
And, like Veronica, again to greet
Thy look bathed from the noontide's dust and heat.

"E'en so, my child, thy hands were on that veil
When lone last night,
Upon thy errant past, sin's misty trail,
There shone a light;
Then in My name thy tears' resolve was said,
To leave thy soul's dead past unto the dead."

Yet Lord, one kiss upon thy nail-bound feet,
One look of Thine,
Large freighted with forgiveness, spirit sweet
With love divine;
And then one prayer, e'en though a thief's it be,
'This day above, O Lord, remember me.'

"Then patience, child; thy head is near the cross,
Thy kiss is made,
When gain heart-lifting, or despairing loss,
When light or shade
Upbuilds thy soul's perfection, calling Me,
Before My Father to remember thee."

—MICHAEL EARLE, in Catholic World.

REGINA ITEMS.

Thursday morning, March 21st, Rev. Father Broens arrived in Regina from Winnipeg and commenced that day a retreat for the Catholic congregation. Thursday evening, the first sermon was preached, when the gifted Father, in both German and English, explained to a large congregation the meaning and grand aim of a mission. Each morning two Masses were said; at first Mass a German sermon was preached and at 9 o'clock Mass an English sermon. Man's creation and the grand object of our sojourn here on earth. "The Commandments of God and His Church." "Death," "Our glorious Queen and Advocate in Heaven" were among the subjects treated during the retreat. One of the most impressive and edifying of Rev. Father Olivet's discourses was given on the life and death of St. John Berchmans. The circumstances attending the death of this great saint were most descriptively dwelt upon. How, clasping the manual of rules of his Order, and crucifix, with his beads twined round his hands, those words, so full of meaning on his sainted lips:—"With these I die content,"—he delivered his pure soul to the keeping of His Almighty Father. The Rev. Father explained; "By clasping the Book of Rules, he showed he had loved the rules of his order and faithfully followed them, with his crucifix clasped he showed how well he had loved the cross and tried to follow the footsteps of His Divine Redeemer, and the beads explained his devotion, his great love of prayer. Then after a well spent life came the "content" at death, the happy passage from time to a glorious eternity." And most emphatically, and with many examples, did the rev. speaker impress on his hearers, that great and awful truth: "As you live so shall you die." Rev. Father Broens earnestly exhorted the congregation to take this great saint as an example. One noticeable feature of all the missionary Father's sermons seemed to be the great stress he laid on prayer. His words were;—"Pray! Pray! Promise me you will pray and I promise you heaven? Very many received Holy Communion, and indeed it is most gratifying to think of the great good, which most undoubtedly was done. The mission closed at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Papal Benediction. There was not standing room in the church. Father Broens left on the evening train for the East, carrying with him the esteem and admiration of all who heard him. The reverend Father is a very pleasant, forcible speaker. He illustrated all the principal points of his sermons from examples known to himself personally, thereby carrying great effect. Regina Catholics wish him God speed in his noble work, with the hope and prayer that God may long spare him in his sphere of usefulness. To our dear pastor for having carried out so successfully the arrangements for this great spiritual treat, Sr. Mary's congregation feel most heartily grateful.

GENA MACFARLANE.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD.

THE FIRST EASTER.

Expectant—filled with trembling hope and holy joy,
They came—the holy women—to the sealed tomb—
On the first Easter morn.
But lo! the tomb was empty, and an angel clad in raiment bright,
Came forth, and "He is risen," said.—
"Give glory, sing 'Hosanna,' for He is risen
Who has said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.'"
Even as the angel spoke, the flower—sweet air became resonant
With the voice of waking birds;
And an awe—a music not of Earth—swelled o'er the World,
And filled with cadence all the firmament.
Nature, and a choir invisible, of seraphim and cherubim
Joined in the anthem—"I am the Resurrection and the Life."
And while His enemies their faces hid and trembling said
"'Tis God—the Son of Man—Whom we have crucified."
The sun rose o'er the world, resplendent—and the first Easter dawned.

—BEATRICE MARIE LEGGE.

MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON.

London, April 4.—Grain, per cental—Wheat $1.08 to $1.10; oats, 86c to 88c; peas, 90c to $1.00; barley, 75 to 80; corn, 75 to 80c; rye, 70c, to $1.00; buckwheat, 85 to 90; beans, per bushel, 90c. to $1.15; timothy seed, per bushel, $2.25 to $2.50; alsike clover, $7.25 to $8.00; clover, $7.00 to $7.25.

Poultry—Spring chickens, (dressed) 65 to 80c; live chickens, 50 to 60c.; geese, each, 60 to 75c.; turkeys, per lb, 10 to 12c.

Meat—Pork, per cwt., $8.00 to $8.25; beef, $4.50 to $6.00; veal, by the carcass, $6 to $7; mutton, by the carcass, $6 to $7; lamb, by the carcass, 8 to 9c.; lamb, by the quarter, 9 to 10c.

Live Stock—Live hogs, $6.00; pigs, pair $3.50 to $5.50; export cattle, $4.25 to $4.75.

Farm Produce—Hay, $7.00 to $8.50; straw, per load, $3.00 to $3.50; straw, per ton, $5.00 to $6.00.

Dairy Produce—Eggs, fresh laid, 11 to 12c; butter, best roll, 19 to 21c; butter, best crock, 17 to 19c; butter, store lots 16 to 18c; butter, creamery, 22 to 23c; cheese, pound, wholesale, 10 to 10½c; cheese, pound, retail, 12½ to 14c; honey, per pound, 12½ to 15c; lard, per pound, wholesale, 9 to 10c; lard, per pound, retail, 10 to 11c.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 4.—Flour firm; 90 per cent. patents $2.60 to $2.65 in buyers' bags, middle freights and barrels at $2.85; choice brands 15c to 20c more. Manitoba patents, $4.20, and strong bakers $3.90, bags included. Bran unchanged; car lots, $14.50 to $15, west; shorts, $15 50 to $16, west. Wheat firm; white and red winter sold at 67c, middle freights, and 68c, low freight to New York; No. 2 goose 68½c to 67c low freight to New York; spring, 69 to 69½c east; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 96 to 96½c, Toronto and west, 98 to 98½c, g. f. t., 97c. North Bay, and 84c. Fort William; No. 2 93c, Toronto, and west, and No. 3, 89c. Oats firm; No. 1, white, 30c, to 30½c east; No. 2, 29½c, middle freights. Peas steady, 63c west; and 64c, middle freights. Corn higher; Canadian yellow, 41½c, to 42c, west; American yellow, 48c to 49c, Toronto. Barley unchanged: No. 2, 43c, middle freights, No. 3 extra, 42c, middle freights. Rye steady, 49c middle freights, and 50c, west. Oatmeal unchanged; cars on track, $3.35 in wood and $3.25 in bags; small lots 20c additional. Buckwheat unchanged, 53c east, and 52½c middle freights.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, April 4.—The grain market continues quiet. Ontario No. 1 spring wheat afloat, May, at 77½c; peas, 72½c; No. 1 oats, at 34½c; No. 2 do., at 33½c; buckwheat, 56½c.; rye, 58c.; and No. 2, barley, 50c. Flour—Manitoba patents, $4.30; strong bakers, $3.90 to $4.05; straight rollers, at $3.40 to $3.50, in bags at $1.67½ to $1.70; winter patents, $3 65 to $4; Feed is firm; Manitoba bran, $18; shorts $19; Ontario bran, in bulk, $18; in bags, at $19.50; shorts, in bulk, at $19 in bags, at $20.50. Provisions are dull and unchanged; dressed hogs $8 to $8.25, according to weight and size of order; bacon, 14 to 15c; hams, 12½ to 14c.; heavy Canadian short cut mess pork, at $20 per bbl.; pure Canadian lard, 10½ to 11½c. per lb; compound refined, 7½ to 8c per lb. Butter is quiet and steady at 21½ to 22c for choice, and 17 to 18 for roll dairy. Cheese is unchanged at 9½c to 9¾c. Eggs are a little firmer at 14 to 14½c for single cases. Honey continues dull; white clover comb is quoted at 9½ in tins.

Latest Live Stock Markets.

TORONTO.

Toronto, April 4.—Following is the range of quotations: at Western cattle market this morning:

Cattle — Shippers, per cwt., $4.00 to $5.00; butcher, choice, do., $3.75 to $4.50; butcher, inferior $2.75 to $3.00; stockers, per cwt., $2 75 to $3.25; export bulls, per cwt., $3.75 to $4 25.

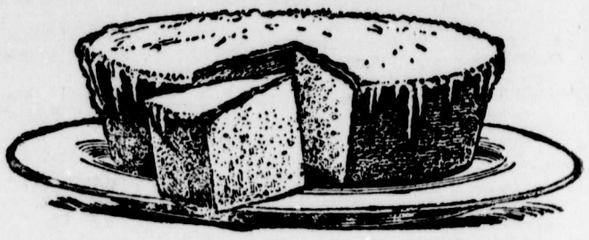
Sheep and lambs—Export ewes, per cwt., $3.00 to $3.50; butcher sheep, each, $2 50 to $3.50; lambs, (grain fed), per cwt. $4.50 to $5.25; do., (barnyards), per cwt, $3.75 to $4.50; do., (spring), each $3 to $6; bucks, $2.50 to $3 00.

Milkers and Calves,—Cows, each, $20 to $45; calves, each, $2 to $9.00.

Hogs—Choice hogs, per cwt., $6 50 to $6.75 light hogs, per cwt., $6 to $6 25; heavy hogs, per cwt., $6; sows, $3.50 to $4.00; stags, $2.00.

EAST BUFFALO.

East Buffalo, N. Y., April 4.—Cattle—Nominally unchanged. Calves—Moderate demand and quotable at $6.50 to $6.75. Sheep and lambs—About on yesterday's basis, with 30 loads total sale; lambs, choice to extra, $5 90 to $6; good to choice, $5.50 to $5 85; common to fair, $5 to $5 50; most of the sales were at $5 90 to $6; sheep, choice to extra $5 25 to $5.40; good to choice $5 to $5 25; common to fair, $3 25 to $4 50. Hogs—Offerings 180 loads; opened steady at yesterday's close; heavy, $6 20 to $6 30; mixed, $6.20 to $6.25; Yorkers, $6.15 to $6 20; pigs, $6 to $6 10; roughs, $5 50 to $5.75; stags, $4.25; the close was easy.



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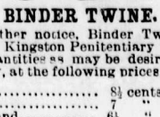

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