

A JOINT PASTORAL.

THE VOICE OF THE CHURCH

Makes Itself Heard—Charity, Temperance and Purity Urged Upon the Electors.

The following pastoral letter of the Archbishops, Bishops and administrators of the ecclesiastical provinces of Quebec and Montreal...

By the grace of God and of the Apostolic See, Archbishops, Bishops and Administrators of the ecclesiastical provinces of Quebec and Montreal...

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN.—The Apostle St. John, the beloved disciple of Jesus Christ, delivered to the faithful of his day an instruction which we deem proper to cite to you, in order to strengthen and stir up in your hearts sentiments of mutual charity and respect for God...

Who hateth his brother, says St. John (I Ep. Ch. III.) abideth in death. Who soever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself...

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Consistently you should consider as the most cruel and dangerous enemy of your country, of yourselves and families, the candidate who would directly or indirectly, entice you, with liquor, to vote for him.

Through the plague of intemperance, Satan enters a parish and there lays the seeds of most deplorable disorders. He puts in the mouth of speakers the most absurd falsehoods, the most heinous abuse, the most fearful slanders and calumnies, the most unjust and scandalous accusations.

These are family ties broken, fathers and children, brothers and friends, become enemies, the more inveterate according as the shattered bonds of affection were closer.

It was not without grave reasons that a law was framed prohibiting the sale of liquor during elections; unfortunately, however, the enemy of God and man too easily finds methods to attain his ends.

The Holy Ghost, in the thirty-first chapter of Ecclesiasticus, says: "Blessed is the man that is found without blemish; and that hath not gone after gold, nor put his trust in money, nor in treasures.... He that could have transgressed, and could do evil things, and hath not done them; therefore are his goods established in the Lord."

Listen now to the terrible anathema which Our Lord pronounces against those who violate the law: "Woe to him through whom scandal comes. It were a better for him that a millstone were hung about his neck, and he cast into the sea." (St. Luke, XVII., 1 and 2).

For these reasons, having invoked the Holy Name of God, with the authority conferred to Us by Our Lord for your eternal salvation, We forbid, under pain of grievous sin, the giving, selling or distributing of drink during the three

days that precede and during the three days that follow an election; whilst such conduct during the election we condemn as a grievous sin which we make a case especially reserved, the absolution from which cannot be had but from us alone, or from our Vicars-General.

The same rule shall apply to those who sell their votes or illuse their neighbor for election purposes, or who give money or anything else to buy a vote or to prevent anyone from voting.

The present pastoral letter shall be read and published from the pulpit at the parochial mass on the first Sunday after its reception and on the Sunday preceding the elections.

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EDOUARD-CHAS. ARCHB. OF MONTREAL.
LOUIS NAZARE, Archb. of Cyrene, Administrator of Chicoutimi.
L.-F., Bishop of Three Rivers.
L.-Z., Bishop of St. Hyacinthe.
ANDRÉ-ALBERT, Bishop of St. Germain de Rimouski.
L.-V. THIBAUDIER, pst. V.G. Administrator of Nicolet.
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By order of His Eminence, B.-PH. GARNIER, Esq., Secretary of the Archbishopric of Quebec.

FAITH.

A Tribute to Knowledge by the Celebrated Father Tom Burke. The following beautiful and truthful tribute to knowledge from the lips of Father Tom Burke illustrates most forcibly the position of the Catholic Church in regard to the education of her children.

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The committee meeting of the Catholic Association of Canada was held on Friday evening last, in the basement of the Gesu. There were present Rev. Father Devine, S. J., the spiritual director; Mr. G. H. Singleton, who occupied the chair; Mr. Galt, the secretary; Mr. J. J. Ryan and several members of the committee.

Water As a Medicine. The human body (says a medical contemporary) is constantly undergoing these changes. Water is one of our best and eliminated from the system, while the new are ever being formed from the inception of life to its close.

Catholic ladies of Montreal would lend their powerful and ubiquitous aid in carrying to perfection the grand undertaking of the Catholic Association of Canada.

ST. PATRICK'S NEW PASTOR.

Address From the Girls of the Parochial School—Father Quinlivan's Reply—A Touching Scene.

A touching and most agreeable surprise was in store for the Rev. Father Quinlivan, S.S., the newly-appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, when he visited the girls' parochial school one afternoon last week.

The following lady pupils figured conspicuously in a sixteen-hand piano recital, entitled "Le Depart," and gave evidence of their excellent training: Misses Joanna Murphy, Maggie Sullivan, Maggie McAnnally, Lizzie Monnette, Lottie Kearns, Susan Barry, Maggie Drumm and Maud Neville.

"You have come to dry the tears falling upon the grave of dear, departed Father Dowd. His memory will ever be green in our minds as the emerald sod of his native land.

After the reading and presentation of the address Miss Nellie Ward, a pretty and charming little maid of five summers, presented the new pastor with a magnificent bouquet.

Father Quinlivan, in reply to the address, spoke as follows:—Beloved children of St. Patrick's school, in addressing you I know I am addressing the soul of a saint who dwelt in this land and who was loved and honored by our Father Dowd in his lifetime.

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THE MOTHER OF GOD.

WHY THE BLESSED VIRGIN AND ST. JOSEPH

Should be Honored by all Christians—Mr. D. P. O'Sullivan's Reasoning Upon the Question.

Many of our American and even some of the good people of Europe will honor the cradle that held a great general, or an orator, or somebody that became conspicuous by advocating woman's rights and assisting them among the nations of the earth in society, or the sepulchre that holds the ashes of some noted warrior, or liberator of an enslaved race is looked upon with awe and affection and love.

For that He loved His mother as no other ever was or can be loved, is an indisputable fact, for we must remember that God himself made the choice and conferred the honor of the mother of God upon her.

Well, as I remarked, we all honor the cradle that held the general, and the orator, and the advocate of ladies' rights, and we honor and revere the sepulchre of stone that holds the ashes of our friends; but with the greatest of reverence many of our non-Catholics jeer and laugh at the idea of giving any honor to Mary, the mother of God, who, through no particular wish or ambition of hers, was made the cradle, the sepulchre of Our Saviour simply by the divine command of God.

I can only excuse my Protestant friends for want of love and sympathy for Mary and Joseph for one reason; I believe they have failed to meditate on the close relation and fond care and many special graces and blessings bestowed on Mary and Joseph by God from the hour of their birth until the hour of their death.

I also understand the idea arises in the minds of Protestant friends that it would really be impossible for either Mary or Joseph to be possessed of so much virtue or grace as is attributed to them. How can they entertain such unholy ideas when we know the angels addressed both of them from time to time, proving conclusively their holiness and the high esteem in which God held them.

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Indeed, I believe if Mary the mother of God had lived in later ages and been

despised and not loved, and insulted and not honored by all mankind, that all good noble hearted Protestant men would have pleaded and fought in defense of her honor and goodness and virtue, rather than see her jeered, insulted and scoffed at as she now is by many so-called Christians.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The King of Siam has officially notified the Pope that the Catholics would enjoy protection in his realms. This act of an infidel sovereign is much appreciated at the Vatican.

The Rev. Father Cronin, editor of the Catholic Union and Times, Buffalo, N.Y., is going on recreation for some time seeking to recruit his health, which is, we regret to say, much impaired.

The Redemptorists lose \$40,000 by the Nicholson bank failure at Baltimore. Several Catholic churches also lose the money which they had been collecting for years to pay off church debts.

Statistics show that suicide is a special attachment of Protestantism. In Saxony there are forty Protestants to one Catholic, and for every Portuguese who takes his own life thirty-nine Saxons commit self-murder.

The Princess Louise and Mrs. Harrison are the only women who have ever been allowed to set foot within the cloisters in the monastery of Santa Barbara, in California, and even after their visits the ground was re-consecrated.

A society for the study of the Holy Scriptures was recently organized in Oakbrook, and promises to be a success. Besides the study of the bible its members labor to inform themselves on those points of Catholic doctrine so much attacked by Protestants, and which so few even so-called educated Catholics are able to defend or explain.

President Elliott, of Harvard, a Protestant of the Protestants, has lately said in public: "The Catholic Church vigorously maintains that it is impossible to give valuable instruction in morals without religion. I do not believe that religious education can be separated from all weekday education and relegated to Sunday. Religion is everywhere in human thought."

Cardinal Moran, of Sydney, N.S.W., speaking on December 13, in the city of Sydney, of the increase in the Catholic population of New South Wales colony within the last ten years, said: "Their number 10 years back was only 207,000, and now the official census disclosed the fact that the Catholics in the colony at the present time number a little over 312,000—an increase of 50 per cent. within 10 years."

In the last issue of the Monist the following paragraph appears: "The publishers and editors of the Monist are not Roman Catholics, but we suppose that the majority of our readers are not either. But all the more it appears to us necessary to state as a matter of justice that the Roman Catholic publications (i. e. those which avowedly and confessedly represent Roman Catholic thought) are far superior to their analogous Protestant contemporaries."

A Baltimore dispatch says: Samuel Kitson, the Boston sculptor, who made the bust of John Boyle O'Reilly, is modeling a life size bust of Cardinal Gibbons. A temporary study was gotten up for Mr. Kitson at the Cardinal's residence, on North Charles street, some days ago, and fittings have already been obtained. The clay model will be finished in a few days. It will subsequently be finished in marble and placed in the Catholic University at Washington, Bishop Keane having expressed a desire to have such a bust in the university. The bust will represent a dignified pose of the head, wearing the most scarlet cap of the cardinal.

There are, according to Hoffman's Catholic Directory, 8,647,221 Catholics resident in the United States, and the spiritual needs of this numerous body are looked after by 6712 secular and 2350 regular priests, in all a total of 9062 clergymen. The Catholic element requires for its worship 8442 churches, 1683 chapels; and services are also held, more or less regularly, at 3552 missionary stations. The Catholics of this country support, moreover, 223 orphan asylums, wherein 25,578 children are cared for, and they maintain 54 seminaries, attended by 1729 ecclesiastics who are studying for the secular priesthood, no mention being made of the number of scholastics belonging to the various religious orders; 138 colleges, 655 academies and 3406 parochial schools, wherein 700,753 pupils of both sexes receive a Catholic education. There are 13 archbishops or metropolitan sees in the United States, to wit, naming them in alphabetical order, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, New Orleans, New York, Oregon, Philadelphia, St. Louis, St. Paul, San Francisco and Santa Fe. Baltimore has 7 suffragan sees, Boston 6, Chicago 3, Cincinnati 0, Milwaukee 6, New Orleans 0, New York 8, Oregon 4, Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 10, St. Paul 5, San Francisco 3, and Santa Fe 2, vicarates apostolic being reckoned the same as dioceses in this enumeration. The total number of ecclesiastical divisions in the United States is, consequently, 86, though, in one case, that of the diocese of Vancouver's Island, which comprises the territory of Alaska, the bishop resides outside of this country.

PALESTINE.

A FEW HOURS AROUND SHECHEM.

With an Oriental Traveller—Following in the Footprints of the Saviour.

"I know," she said, "when the Messiah cometh, He shall tell us all things." A Jesus said unto her "I, that speak unto thee, am He." The whole scene was before us. Overlooking the wide valley with fields of grain, undulating with every passing breeze, was a relief to the monotony of desolation seen elsewhere. Here Jesus drew the figurative expression in allusion to the spiritual harvest. The truths which were first spoken here have gone out into the world, changing its moral tone and aspect by that spirit life which renovates the soul. The famous well of Jacob's was once 200 feet deep, now it is only seventy-five feet. No living water comes into it; it was drilled through solid rock, and its purpose was to serve as a reservoir for rain water. Every traveller is attracted to this well, and in order to ascertain its depth without real measurement drop pebbles into it. Of course we had to follow custom by dropping small stones, listening to their clicking on the bottom.

MAURELLE, THE TRAVELLER.

if we remember rightly, found it 165 feet deep. Some daring fellows have descended during the dry season and had much difficulty in reaching the bottom. Layers of slanting flags form a wide circuit about the well to catch the rain. Rank vegetation now grows over them; part of the curbing has fallen in, still it is in a fair state of preservation after 4,000 years. Yonder two noted mountains raise their hoary heads above the plains—Mounts Gerizim and Ebal. Upon the former, the largest assembly of people known to history had met at one time to read the blessing for keeping the law; and on the latter, the next largest gathering to read the curses for breaking the law. Gerizim was called the Mount of Blessing, and Ebal the Mount of Cursing. On the rocky brow of the former the Samaritans worshipped. There is a mosque now over the reputed tomb of Joseph, and the ruins of the Samaritan temple are scattered over the ground, showing its vastness and grandeur by its columns and ornate workmanship. At the ponderous gate of the mosque we endeavored to gain admittance to the tomb of Joseph, but the Turkish custodian gruffly refused our request. This is one of the most fertile regions of the Holy Land through which we passed, and every spot is full of sacred and thrilling incidents. The view from these mountains must have been enchanting in early days, with its populous cities, palaces, gardens and waving fields of grains.

THE PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.

and later Jesus, have climbed the mountains and looked over the wild expanse of plain stretching to the Mediterranean and Jordan; every blade of grass and every flower has been nourished in growth and deeper shade by the blood of the slain. We can only imagine the thoughts and feelings of the young Prince of Peace as he crossed it on his way from Jerusalem to Nazareth, or wandered over it in meditative mood while preparing himself for his heavenly mission, the havoc of wars—incessant wars—waged against the powers of darkness, satiate cruelty or ambition, or defending right against wrong. Early in the afternoon we entered the city of Nablous or Shechem which is a place of much trade, owing to its situation. Scores of camels, the "ships of the desert," had arrived that morning laden with merchandise and other wares. There are a number of bazars filled with the products of the Oriental world. Here we replenished our stock of Turkish tobacco, jehil, coffee, sweet meats, fruits, nuts, etc., for our journey. The descendants of the ancient Samaritans are still found there, with a few worshippers at their synagogue. As Shechem afforded some artisans in our line we made a close examination of the wagons, harness, horses, saddles, etc., before leaving. We found many things in bad condition and insisted on immediate repair. The man in charge of our outfit seemed surprised when we enumerated the articles that needed repair, and we judged by his lugubrious face the probable expense of all was painful to him, that he would rather the

NECK OR BONES OF A CHRISTIAN

in jeopardy than to pay out money for repairing harness or saddles. When he found out that we meant business and as short delay as possible, he consented to get things in proper condition for the remainder of the journey. We camped on a beautiful garden spot outside the city and surrounded by a grove of olives. A clear stream of water flowed down the slope of Gerizim through beautiful fields, where the fig, pomegranate, apricot, vine and almond and various other nuts with tropical fruits, grew in abundance, justifying the figurative speech of Jotham when he addressed the people upon Mount Gerizim relative to a ruler to govern them, and illustrated it by these familiar objects. It was a rich country which Jacob saw in his prophetic vision when blessing his son, "Joseph is a fruitful vine, whose branches run over the wall."

A consistory will be held in March. Six new cardinals will be created, two French.

President Harrison has appointed another Catholic priest, Rev. W. H. Reany, chaplain in the navy.