mted through His beloved mother at brine which she has chosen for the ing of her greatest wenders in this

As we passed from Pau to Lourdes we ad in a French journal that good r. Carbery, Bahop of Hamil on, had died in Cork. Accordingly we prayed fervently for him that evening, and had Mussas celebrated next morning by the priest of Lourdes for the eternal repose of his soul.

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It was late on Christmas Eve when we arrived at Tarascon, a town near Avignon, and whilst at dinner we heard the bell of a neighboring church toll for midnights. Mass. We were happy to join in the public devotions at which a crowded congregation assisted, although the weather was very cold. We celebrated our Christmass Masses in the chapel of the House of Providence, and then visited the aucient church of St. Martha to pray beside the marble ceffin wherein the sixtenside the same of the church of St. Martha to pray beside the marble ceffin wherein the sixtenside the same of the control of the sixtenside the same of the ceffin wherein the sixtenside the same of the ceffin wherein the sixtenside the same of the ceffin wherein the sixtenside the same of the same of the ceffin wherein the sixtenside the same of the ceffin mas Masses in the chapel of the House of Providence, and then visited the ancient of the Holy See. He was the oldest priest church of St. Martha to pray beside the in Ontario, probably in America, as he marble coffin wherein the sister of Lezarms and Mary, the personal friend of Our Bord Jesus Carlst, has been sleeping in peace now more than eighteen hundred who was actively by this contact with the mortal remains of those privileged hely ones who lived in the familiarity, of daily life with our dear Redeemer, who saw the allumination of his divine eyes and heard the words of eternal truth that distilled with heavenly sweetness from his lips and treasured up in their hearts the consoling memories of his life giving doctrine and his proofs of charity for men.

It was not without difficulty that we were enabled to gratify our esger faith; for the Rhone had overflowed into the subterranean church where the saintly virgin's body lies, and we required the assistance of several men to construct for as a feating bridge of chairs and planks.

At noon we took the train for Marsellies, and thence after a couple of hours' interval, to Toulon. On St. Stephen's morning, after hearing Mass, we proceeded on a most delightful day's journey along the Riviera by Cannes, Nice, Monaco, Monte-Carlo and Mentone to the line that Monte-Carlo and Mentone to the line that elivides France from Italy at the village of Vintinglia in a valley between the mountains, since the cession of Savoy to France after the Austro-French Italian France after

him to Leo; the treasure house of the traditions of Peter and Paul sealed in their blood; the arena of the three hundred years' fight between dominant Pagan ism and suffering Christianism resulting in the continuous flow of the blood of martyrs and the corresponding streams of light and grace poured down from heaven on Pagan society in response to their prayers for their persecutors, till the tide of blood had reached its full height of propitiation, and the cross, the symbol of Christ's conquest and his Father's mercy, was raised aloft in the camp and in the Forum over senate house and temple as the banner of the Empire forevermore

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From day to day I have prayed to the blessed Apostles, the founders of religion in this metropolis of Catholicism and to all the blessed ones in heaven who laid down their lives for the faith in the streets and amphitheatres and dungeons in Rome, to intercede for myself, my clarge and to intercede for myself, my clergy and my people at the throne of the God of my people at the throne of the God of mercy, that we in our day may prove ourselves worthy of the inheritance they have transmitted to us, and may prize the gift of the one true religion of Christ the gift of the one true religion of Christ as more precious than all earthly advan-tages, and may evince before God and his angels and in the sight of all men the reality and substantial strength of our faith by the constant practice of the duties it imposes and the virtues it inculcates and thus earn for ourselves a participation in their glory in the kingdom of God in basyen.

We have been enjoying the society of Mis Lordship the Bishop of London and his kev. companions. Dean Wagner and Rather Brennan. They are in excellent health and have left Rome to day on their way to Ireland. I chanced to see Hon. Edward Blake ere-yesterday in the street, and we were very glad, as fellow country men always are, to meet one another far from home. We exchanged cards of address, and I gave him also the address of the Bishop of London. Mr. Blake wished to call upon each of us at our lodgings, but yielded to my insistence that we are more at home in the city of the Popes than he. Accordingly we both did ourselves the pleasure of visiting him and enjoyed half an hours' interesting conversation with him. The Hon. gen theman looks well and expects to be fully re-instated in health and ready for active work before summer.

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I remain, My dear Monsignor, Yours sincerely,
JAMES VINCENT CLEARY,
Bishop of Kingston.

DEATH OF MGR. BRUYERE

Amid the heartfelt regrets and profound rrow of the bishop, clergy and laity of this city and diocese, we chronicle to-day the sad demise of a saintly priest, a brilliant scholar and an emineut defender of Catholic faith-the Very Rev. Monsignor

J. M. Bruyere, Vicar-General of the Diocese of London, and Domestic Prelate of the Holy See. He was the oldest priest in Ontario, probably in America, as he had reached the patriarchal age of niuety

were enabled to gratify our esger lath; for the Rhone had overflowed into the subterranean church where the saintly virgin's body lies, and we required the assistance of several men to construct for us a fosting bridge of chairs and planks and guide us by the light of torches to the sepulchral shrine. This was to us a true Christmas joy, a festive hour spent with the saints who nad lived in the company of Jesus on earth and reign with lim now in heaven, ever praising Hismane and praying for us that we too may be found worthy to join in the celestial chorus when the days of our pilgrimage shall have passed.

At noon we took the train for Marseilles, and thence after a couple of hours' in terval, to Toulon. On St. Stephen's Bruyere, ten years after his ordina the country man, the country man and the country man, the country man and the country man and the country man, the country man and the country man and the country man and th

triumphs of Kentucky's pioneer Bishop

white and Indian populations of his extensive diocese. It often devolved on Father Bruyere to write editorials, and keep track of current events and comment thereon, in order to maintain the credit of the Bishop's publication and save the honour and prestige of the Catholic Advocate. In this manner he acquired an admirable facility of expression in the English language—which pression in the English language—which, for a Frenchman, was really wonderful, and which stood him in good stead after wards in Toronto, when engaged in the celebrated controversy, on the Catholic with the steady of the controversy. Separate School question, with that ablest of Canadian tacticians, the late malicat of Canadian tacticians, the late and tacticians, the late and tacticians, the late and tacticians, the late and tacticians and tacticians and tacticians and tacticians are and forcible, but the French accent, of which he could not entirely divest his pronunciation, prevented his oratorical powers from obtaining that success which crowned all the efforts of his eloquent pen. His style of writing was lucid, vigorous and convincing. In his controversy with Dr. Ryerson he made frequent use of sarcasm, and often turned the Doctor's arms of attack against him self, to the Doctor's dire contusion and to the rich enjoyment of a reading public. In 1854, Bishop de Charbonnel of

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In 1854, Bishop de Charbonnel of Toronto was invited to preach the ecclesiastical retreat to the priests of Louisville Diocese, which important task he accomplished to the great satisfaction of Bishop Spaiding, and to the spiritual profit of the clergy of his vast diocese. During his stay at Louisville Bishop de Charbonnel became acquainted with Rev. Father Bruyere, his fellow countryman, and conceived a predeliction for him, which culminated in his obtaining his services for Toronto, at that time poorly provided wished to call upon each of us at our lodgings, but yielded to my insistence that we are more at home in the city of the Popes than he. Accordingly we both did ourselves the pleasure of visiting him and enjoyed half an hours' interesting conversation with him. The Hon. gen tleman looks well and expects to be fully re-instated in health and ready for active work before summer.

Dean Gauthier is a most charming companion in my vacation tour. He is ever lively and cheerful, and his pleasant conversation is a great relief to the tedium of long journeys in the close European ears. He devotes much time to the study of actiquities here.

Hoping to be able to write you again previous to my departure from Reme, and sending to you, the priests and the



of his French name and foreign accent. But they very soon found out, especially after his able, elequent, and triumphant controversy with Dr. Ryerson—that he as a man of God—a whole souled priest an elequent exponent of Catholic teachings, and a more than ordinary champion of religious freedom and of Christian, as opposed to godless, education. His unfeigned piety, his devotion to duty, his never-failing presence at the altar or in never-failing pre-ence at the altar or in the confessional, his singleness of purpose, his condescension and kindness, soon his condescension and kindness, soon removed every vestige of prejudice and commanded the respect and admiration if not the affections of all classes.

No better proof of this fact could be adduced than the following paragraph and letters which we copy from the Catholic Citizen of May 4 h. 1857:

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The following letters will be read with mach pleasure by the Catholics of Toronto, and more especially by the parish ioners of St Michael's Cathedral, who, above all others, are witnesses of the

the cause of Catholic education, or rather to speak a more apostolic language, it order that you may more effectually serve the Church, be pleased to accept the titles of Vicar General of the Diocese of Toronto, and of Administrator of the same, in case of death, with all faculties, which for the due performance of these two fold duties, and by the authority of the lalv See we can and do confer these the Holy See, we can and

Given near Rome, under our hand and al, on Easter Monday, 13th April, 1857. +AR. F, M., Bishop of Toronto.

After the retirement of Bishop de Charbonel from the See of Toronto in 1859, at the urgent request of the latelamented Bishop Pinsonneault, and with the consent of Toronto's new with the consent of Toronto's hew bishop, now Archbishop Lynch, Father Bruyere came to this diocess and con tinued his arduous missionary work in he capacity of Vicar General and rector of the cathedral church of Sandwich The value of his services to the French The value of his services to the French Canadian missions in the county of Essex cannot be over estimated. Besides the parochial duties incumbent on him as pastor of Sandwich, from which he never relaxed, even to allow himself, at any time, one week's summer vacation, he was often deputed to fulfill difficult tasks of a diplomatic character, which he invariably accomplished without fear or favor and in the very best interests of all concerned.

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Shortly after his consecration in November, 1867, His Lordship Bishop Walsh arrived in Sandwich, and in the presence of all the priests of the diocese, appointed the Rev. Father Bruyere his Vicar-General—thus continuing him in an office and dignity which, for ten year, and under two bishops, he had already enjoyed and filled with marked astisfaction and success. A few months later, in February, 1868—exactly twenty years ago—the Vicar General, with the other priests of the household, accompanied Bishop Walsh to London. During all that time the people of London have been eye-witnesses of the many amiable and admirable traits of character which have caused the name and person of the Very Rev. Monsiguor Bruyere to be so greatly honored and so universally esteemed in every parish and hamlet of this Western Province.

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In June, 1869, Dean Hellmuth, who afterwards became Bishop of Huron, paid a short visit to England and Italy, and on his return delivered a lecture in the Y. M. C. A. hall, London. in which he inveighed against Catholic teaching on the subject of Indulgences. Father on the subject of indulgences. Father Bruyere at once took up the gauntlet, and closed with this adversary of Oatho lie Truth in a spirited, and long to be remembered controversy, which was

afterwards printed in pamphlet form There was no resisting of Father Bruy-ere's stern logic and multitudinous quotations from the highest authorities both Catholic and Protestant. After several letters had been exchanged on the columns of the Free Press and great interest, if not excitement had been created thereby, the Venerable Dean was glad to cry quits, although the coughty little Vicar, as he was called— commissed him in the words of Can promised him, in the words of Gen Grant "that he would fight it out along hat line, if it took all summer.

In 1877, during his visit to Rome Bishop Walsh obtained from the Holy Bishop Walsh obtained from the Hory Father, Pius IX., the elevation of Vicar Father, Pius IX., the Paman Pre-Peneral Bruyere to the Roman Pre-ature. The letter of the saintly High

Pontifi—read as follows: Beloved Son—Health and Apostolic Benediction. We are aware of your merits so consonant with the excellence and dignity of an ecclesiastical person, that we are induced to confer upon you an honor which will be an evidence of paternal affection for you have paternal affection for you have the traveller in Antigonish County will fraser was consecrated Bishop of Tanen, which would be an obstacle in this matter, if you have hot the language of ancient Caledonia Scotia. It was suggested to him that betacle in this matter, if you have hot the language of ancient Caledonia Scotia. It was suggested to him that he will also have occasion to exercise his proportion and declare you to be a Monsig to ore of this city, that is to say, our cathedral of St. Niman, the popular from the Liland (Bishop McEachern) college of St. Francis Xavier, the convent when any freely and lawfully wear the robe and cape commonly called Mantelletta, of violet color, and outside of the Sisters of Charity, and last, but not the same authority, and in virtue of the Sisters of Charity, and last, but not the same authority, and in virtue of the Sisters of Bishop Cameron's spiritual charge of so extensive a diocese as the industry, privileges, prerogatives and prendults, privileges, prerogatives and pre-cedencies which our other domestic cedencies which our other domestic orelates use and enjoy, and which they are or will be entitled to use and enjoy. all other Apostolic constitutions and all other Apostolic constitutions and decrees to the contrary notwithstanding Dated at Rome at St. Peter's, under

in Europe, will miss hi much on his return, and lament his loss as that of a truly devoted friend, a wise counsellor and a prudent administrator. The priests of the diocese will mise him unsellor and a prudent administrator,
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the took them under his special care, ne was particularly kind and paternal. He took them under his special care, and by wise council encouraged them in the arduous duties and difficulties they would have to encounter in fulfilment of

Father Bruyere's piety was not unre servedly austere or ascetic—nor did it partake of that sour and bitter kind partake of that sour and bitter kind which repels, rather than it invites to imitation. He was at all times pleasant and cheerful, and ever ready at table, or in time of recreation, to crack an innocent joke, or relate some pleasing in cident of his youthful days in France le loved also to repeat some anecdote f Father Bute's life (Father Bute was he first priest ordained in the United tates and an old associate of Father Bruyere's in Bardstown, Ky.) and he could tell charming stories of Bishop Flaget, and of Bishop Spalding that while edifying, were also provocative of e edifying, were also provocative of tine merriment and laughter.

genuine merriment and laughter.

Like a brave and faithful sentinel he was ever at his post of duty. When the Angelus Bell rang out its invitation to prayer at six every morning, it found Father Bruyere prepared, and on his knees, obedient to the heavenly summons. The earliest devotee that entered the church before dawn, the coldest or stormlest days in winter, or in the gray of morning at any season, found the aged Vicar at his prie-dieu—with his lamp and his book of meditation—ready for work. It might, indeed, be said of him, as of the prudent virgins, that he always work. It might, indeed, be said of him, as of the prudent virgins, that he always kept his lamp trimmed, and every prepar ation made for the coming of the Bridergroom. Never once, in his sixty years of duty, did he omit these morning devotions, nor did he ever, except on rare occasions of illness, neglect saying mass at the time and the minute appointed and known to the people, who always came at that early hour to join with him in prayer, and share in the graces and blessings of the Holy Sacrifice.

His charities were of that character

which does not permit the left hand to be cognizant of what the right hand doeth. He was not easily imposed on by the understrain applicant for relief, nor did he heed the appeal of those whom indulgence, rather than necessity, brought to his door. But G id, the Father of the poor and His minis ering handmaids, the devoted Sisters at Mount Hope, who nourish the orphan and make happy the declining years of helpless old age, know and appreciate to their full extent Father Bruyere's hidden to the Rt. Rev. Ronald McDonald, where, on the completion of his course, he was ordained. Returning to Scotland, Father ordained. Returning to Scotland. Returning to Scotland. Returning to Scotland, Father ordained. Returning to Scotland. Retu charities and liberal ocquests. Sixty years of unremitting toil—no extrava gauce, no extra expense of any kind, no luxury beyond a little singing bird and a few books—and yet not one dollar in the books, and only a few cents found in his purse. Can people of the world, who live for this world, understand such a life and such a result? It is impossible. No one way can fathom the motives, no one may conneive the possibility and the blessed ness of such a career but auch as live, as the lamented prelate lived, for a brighter world and for more lasting joys than this poor life can sife id.

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of this Canada of ours there is no diocese of this Canada of ours there is no dioceses, particles, where the control of the sea the church there is no dioceses, particles, which extends your jurisdiction to the the border of the sea the church there is lated of Cape Breton, and do not be flourishes and her sons increase in number surprised if you receive one which and prosperity. The agriculturist con charges you also with Nova Scotta." flourishes and her sons increase in number and prosperity. The agriculturist con quers the mountain slopes and luxuriates n the valleys, the miner delves under the Fraser reported himself, and the copy of mighty rocks and finds wealth in the his letter of exeat from the Scotch mission floating on the waters of the great bayes lottetown. Bishop McEachern hailed the and lakes of eastern Nova Scotia, captures onew missionary with delight and stationed his finny prey without stint and with him at the Grand Narrows and East Bay, and property the spiritual of the control of the state of the state of the discount of the state of the state of the discount of the state of the diocese of Characteristics of the diocese of th out number. Here under the spiritual on the Bras d'Or Lake. After a year or way of Bishop Cameron, a mighty popu two spent in that locality, he was removed lation of loyal Highlanders uphold the to Antigonish and given the additional faith for the sake of which their forefath-missions of St. Andrews, Morristowa, ers left Scotland in the olden time—and West River and the Ohio. In 1827 Father

Few tourists of to day travelling at Dated at Rome at St. Peter's, under was no priest within its boundaries, except Magdalene Islands, obtained the appointment of the Fisherman, 12th Decem ber, 1876, in the thirty-first year of our perhaps a wandering French abbe, whom bern 1876, in the thirty-first year of our perhaps a wandering French abbe, whom ment of Father Dollard as Bishop of New Prontificate.

The virtues of the deceased prelate were and driven westward. The venerable which commended itself to Dr. Fraser, exemplary, eminent and manifold. In all first Bishop of Charlottetown, the was a model of urbanity and hespitality and the priests, he was a model of urbanity and hespitality and loyalty to episcopal authority. The december of Mgr. In 1790 to see his parents in Prince and loyalty to episcopal authority. Brunswick, a piece of good management which commended itself to Dr. Fraser, who, in May, 1843, wrote to Dr. Macdanisis being the was perfection itself in obedience and loyalty to episcopal authority. The december of Scotland, who had been edu "I congratulate you on the division of wour former extensive diocese. The dissemble of the fill up, or to bridge over, for first Scotch missionary to visit those lands and Nova Scotia is a gain, and consequently over to eastern Nova Scotia and was the hores. Having received faculties from that the county of Sydney in Nova Scotia is now in Europe, will miss him very Monseigneur Hubert, Bishop of Quebec, will be annexed to Cape Breton fer onseigneur Hubert, Bishop of Queb Father McEachren went through Cape reton, and Antigonish, then the county of Sidney, performing the functions o his sacred office. This he did from year to year, certainly up to 1814 as I have en a paper signed "Edmund Barke, Vicar General," and dated, "Halifax the 17th day of August, 1814," which sete forth:

"The Reverend Angus Bernard Mc Schorn, missionary in Prince Edward sland, will pass through the Island of Breton, if he can make it connient, and exercise the functions of hi ninistry there amongst the people who speak Erse or English, as he does in Prince Edward Island and the people will attend to his instructions."

Other pious Scotch missionaries, too, here were in those parts, the story of whose lives would form many many columns of interesting reading. The first of these was Rev. James MacDonald about whom, more anon. Then
Rev. Alexander MacDonald and Rev.
Alexander MacDonell; all of these
clergymen arrived in 1802. In 1818
came Father Colin Grant and I think Rev. James Grant and Rev. William Chisholm, and in 1822 Rev. William Fraser.

Rev. William Fraser was the eldest son John Fraser and Jane Chisholm. He was orn at Grasky, in the Vale of strathglass, n Invernesshire, Scotland, in the year 1779. His mother became a Catholic preumably on her marriage, as all Bishop Fraser's relatives on the mother's side of the house were Protestants. One, his uncle, commonly called "the miller," settled at the Lower South River, and is quite a noted character in the Antigonish stories of olden times. Father Fraser began his studies at the ecclesias ital seminary of

world and for more lasting joys than this family and friends in their new home, poor life can afford.

The devoted Sisters of St. Joseph have Burke, Bishop of Sion, i p i, in whose been unremitting in their attention and vicariate Apostolic were the Highland sindly care of Monsignore Bruyere from the first moment of his fatal illness to his last agony on Monday night. Day and the life in a rather unsettled condition. availed. And when the final summons their prayers accompanied his pure. Father McEachern had been consecrated. availed. And when the final summons Father McEachern had been consecra-came, their prayers accompanied his pure ted Bishop of Rosen, i. p. i, in 1820, soul to the throne of mercy. Well may ted Bishop of Rosen, i. p. i, in 1820, they reckon on having secured one more and it appears had jurisdiction powerful, because grateful, advocate in over Cape Breton, as Bishop Pleesis (whe was virtually the Metropolitan of Bishops Burke, L'Artigue, Provencher, MacDonell and MacEachern, or more correctly speaking was the bishop of all the Vicar-Among the many ecclesiastical divisions interpretates presided over by those bishops in partibus,) writes to him on the 10th Janu-

To Bishop McEachern, therefore, Father

heir ease through the vast country which heavily upon him. In 1842 Bishop comprises the diocese of Antigonish can Macdonald, who had succeeded Bishop form any idea of the hardships endured McEachern in the charge of New Brunsby the pioneer settlers. For years there wick, Prince Edward Island and the was no priest within its boundaries, except Magdalene Islands, obtained the appoint-

will be annexed to Cape Breton for easons you must know.'

This arrangement was carried out in 1844 and Dr. Walsh became Bishop of Halifax-a title which, by the way, had been bestowed upon Dr. Fraser only a short time previously, as in August, 1838, short time previously, as in August, 1886, he signs, "William, Bishop of Tanen," and in May, 1843, "William, Bishop of Halifax." Dr. Fraser retained the parts that he had chosen and was given the title of Bishop of Arichat. He resided in Antigonish until his death, which took place in October, 1851.

On the 29th October, 1851.
On the 29th October, 1879, his remains were removed from the old cemetery and deposited in the vault beneath the high alter of St. Ninian's cathedrai.

I have given 1827 as the year of the onsecration of Bishep Fraser as Bishop of Tanen because every book, newspape cutting, or written note in my possession, save one, gives that as the date. Yet that one is important, for it is an autograph letter from Rt. Rev. Alexander McDonell, then Bishop of Resina i. p. i, written to Bishop McEachern in Prince Edward Island, and dated 24th January, 1826. The etter begins: "I wrote from New York to Bishop Fraser but deferred writing you until my arrival in Canada." Then again: "I think I mentioned to you the wish and even anxiety of Earl Bathurst that Upper Canada should be erected into a Vicariate Apostolic in order to be independent of that of Quebec, and his full and entire consent that New Brunswick, the Islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Nova Scotia, should form one independent diocese. To this I saw no difficulty as Bishop Fraser might become your coadjutor cum successione." Again : "If you and Bishop Fraser will come here

Moidart, at that period presided over by the Rev. John Chisholm, who was Vicar.

Apostolic of the Western District of Scotland.

Some years later Bishop Chisholm founded a seminary at Lismore, one of the founded a seminary at Lismore, one of the sparent contradiction.

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