

ARCHBISHOP CLEARY.

Interviewed on the Ballot Question.

A Toronto daily having stated that Hon C. F. Fraser would resign if the separate schools were interfered with by the Government, that W. Hartly, M.P.P., had interviewed Archbishop Cleary regarding the ballot for separate school supporters, and that he had declined to speak on the matter, a representative of the "Hog" was furnished with the following interview by his Grace on Feb. 1st:

"Mr. Hartly," said his Grace, "has not interviewed me at any time on the matter, I have not met him for several months, and to the best of my recollection I have never had any conversation with him regarding separate school matters."

"Would your Grace express an opinion as to the introduction of the ballot into separate school elections?"

"I will speak clearly. We regard as aggressive and unjust the efforts made by men who have openly declared themselves our enemies to enforce the privilege of the ballot upon us in the election of our school trustees. I use the word privilege purposely. Under confederation the elections for trustees, both for public and separate schools, for municipal councillors and for the Local and Federal Parliaments, were conducted by open and public voting. It was only when the constituents petitioned Parliament to substitute the ballot for public voting that it was granted to the Legislatures. Afterwards the municipalities, and finally, on a similar petition presented from public school supporters in the province, legislation was passed giving them the option of voting by ballot. It is a rule of parliamentary action fully recognized in Great Britain, and I believe in the Federal and Local Legislatures of Canada, that the status quo, or established methods of organized action of any body or action of persons in the community, is not to be disturbed by new legislation or any one's petition, unless the measure be called for by those directly concerned. I have seen numerous instances of this in the reports of the British House of Commons. Wherefore I regard it as an effort to impose on us exceptional treatment when outsiders, who ought not to interfere in our purely domestic affairs, clamor for the imposition of a new rule on us in the form of a privilege which we do not want and have never asked for. The sources from which this clamor proceeds on the eve of every election are such as to let us on our guard and make us cherish more fully the right we enjoy under the constitution to have our elections of school trustees, who are in reality the elected representatives of the Roman Catholic parents of the separate school sections, conducted in an open and responsible manner. At all events it is our right, and we are not willing to concede it in compliance with the demands issuing from parties professedly hostile to our schools, even if we had not antecedently plain obvious reasons for upholding this constitutional right. The separate efforts of our enemies to take it from us would suffice to make us cling to it with greater tenacity. I will add that the privilege granted by the Provincial Legislature to the public school supporters to substitute the ballot for open and responsible voting in the election of trustees has not been accepted by all nor by any large majority of the public school supporters of the province. Fully one-half of the constituencies declined to accept the privilege and still cling to the open voting system. Furthermore, many of those who heretofore accepted the ballot system have signified their desire to return to the open and responsible system of voting. The sentiment of the great mass of the Roman Catholics of Ontario has been manifested by recent occurrences. Five years ago eight or nine of the separate school trustees in the city of Toronto joined with the Meredith party in asking for the ballot for separate school trustee elections. This clique were extremely noisy and persisted in giving trouble at every meeting of the Separate School Board, and took care to have their little speeches and bitter words published in the daily journals in the hope of spreading their disaffection among the separate school trustees all over the province. It is remarkable that not one board of trustees from end to end of Ontario sympathized with that little faction in the city of Toronto. Not a word was heard anywhere to signify any desire to alter the existing order of open and responsible voting. Again, as soon as the term of these trustees' offices expired, earnest efforts were made by them and their partisans to make their ideas prevail at the ensuing elections. There were contests for the office of trustees in all the wards represented by those gentlemen, and it is very significant that each and every one of them was defeated by overwhelming majorities at the polls, and honest Catholics substituted for them, to maintain the right we had under the constitution to select our separate school trustee in sight of all the world.

"The foregoing are some what may be called the intrinsic arguments for maintaining what we believe to be our constitutional rights. There are besides various arguments derived from the examination of the case in itself. Every reason that exists for requiring our members on the Federal and Local Legislatures and in our municipal

councils to give votes open and publicly will apply with equal force to public voting in the separate school elections. To those who may ask why do not we conform to the ways of the public school supporters in this matter, a little reflection on our position suggests sufficient reasons for our adherence to the existing system. We are a small minority in the province, we are very much at the mercy of the local press in the towns and villages; we are with frequent and persistent violence, attacked in all our rights by political demagogues of one party or the other. Our schools are made the object of special hostility. Under these circumstances we have good reason to apprehend that were the election of trustees to be made by secret voting the noisy politicians who desire to undermine and gradually destroy our school system would employ all their resources for division amongst Catholics on occasions of such elections, and try to make our School Board representatives not so much of religion, which is the primary and distinctive object of our separate school system, as of the governing influence of one political party or the other. Then our schools would, in reality, become secularized by degrees under the management of political trustees, and their main purpose frustrated. Were the political demagogues to relinquish their persistent attacks upon us and our schools, we would not be so tenacious of this right. In a word, when they cease to attack we will cease to defend."

The reporter suggested that people might say that open voting was desired for the purposes of interference, and he added:

"Does your Grace exercise any powerful influence in the selection and election of separate school trustees?"

"I have been 14 years bishop of Kingston," was the reply, "and I have never interfered directly or indirectly, by act or by word, to control or in any wise influence the election of any person as a separate school trustee. I never nominated, or suggested the nomination of any one. Yes, I am satisfied in this manner. As a rule, the bishops act everywhere, and will most probably continue to act, unless perchance the enemies of the church should make a special effort to disturb the Catholic mind and force some one upon the board, by means of their political influence, whom the bishop might know to be an unworthy candidate, more likely to injure than benefit the schools. The duty of a bishop, as the guardian of his people's rights, would in such a case perhaps determine him to take steps to exclude a man of that kind from an office so closely connected with the spiritual and moral rearing of our children."

Home Rule Meeting at Ottawa.

Considering the shortness of the notice and the numerous other calls upon the people of the Capital, Ottawa's response to the appeal made by the Hon Edward Blake on behalf of the Irish cause does it great credit. The thoroughly representative character of his audience at the Opera House in that city on the 25th ultimo, may be seen from the subscription list published in these columns, embracing as it does, the various elements of the community. The subject selected by Mr. Blake, "The Irish Question," is a broad one, comprehending not only what Home Rule for Ireland means, but also its significance in an Imperial sense. In an address lasting a little over an hour, the history of the movement was rapidly but clearly sketched; effects were traced back to their causes; the leading provisions of the Home Rule Bill explained and the need of the present moment shown. The peroration, elevated in thought and noble in diction, will be long remembered for the high ground upon which the speaker rested his appeal for material and moral aid. This linked with the fine personality of the man and the knowledge of the immense sacrifices he has made for Ireland, has produced an impression in favor of her cause which cannot readily be effaced. It is no wonder, therefore, that Ottawa has made such a generous response.

NOTE.—Owing to want of space the Ottawa list of subscriptions will appear in next week's issue.

De La Salle Institute.

The following are the testimonials for the month of January:

- Form I.—Excellent—J. Hayes, F. Foley, J. O'Connor, J. O'Connell, M. Mallon, J. Flanagan, L. Deo. Gool—F. Donovan, A. Flynn, J. Bigley, J. Collaton, J. Bradley, A. McGinn, J. Rahelly.
Form II.—Excellent—J. Kennedy, A. Travers, J. Lysaght, L. Doherty, F. McDonald, W. Vesle, F. Wallace, L. Lunley, W. Christie, C. Meehan, T. Oiver Good—F. Larkin, J. Koster.
Form III.—Excellent—M. O'Connor, J. Colgan, J. Thomson, C. Hanrahan, J. Muldoon, D. Simons, J. Cashman, Good—H. McKenna, J. Moriarty, C. Ghvin, M. McDonald, G. Bland, J. Shea.
Form IV.—Excellent—J. Jordan, E. Costello. Good—A. Conlin.

You can drive nails into hard wood without bending them if you first dip them in lard.

Dinner to the Hon. Edward Blake.

A private dinner in honor of Hon. Edward Blake, M.P. for South Longford in the Imperial Parliament, was held last evening at the hospitable mansion of Mr. Hugh Ryan, No. 10 Elm avenue, Rosedale. Many of the guests were prominent in Canadian politics, but the gathering was entirely devoid of political complexion, members of both parties in the Dominion having accepted the invitation and the opportunity of testifying their respect for the distinguished gentleman, who has devoted himself so energetically to the cause which all had at heart. The chair was occupied by Mr. Hugh Ryan, and on his right and left respectively were the Hon. Edward Blake, and Archbishop Walsh. The others present were: Hon. Frank Smith, Hon. John Costigan, Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Dr. Hoskin, Mr. H. S. Howland, Father Tooley, Mr. Robert Jaffray, Mr. Foy, Mr. P. Hughes, Dean Harris, Mr. Wm. Ryan, Mr. M. J. Haney, Mr. Ed. Murphy, Hon. S. C. Wood, Mr. R. M. Wells, Mr. J. K. Kerr, Q.C., Mr. Geo. Klely, Mr. T. Long, Father Ryan, Mr. Z. Leah, Mr. J. W. Langmuir, Mr. W. D. Mathews, Mr. E. O'Keefe, Mr. John Long, Father Walsh and Mr. C. H. Greene. The toast of the evening was "Home Rule," which was proposed by the Chairman and responded to in his happiest vein by the distinguished gentleman in whose honor the dinner was held.—Globe of Wednesday.

Concert at Mimico Asylum.

On the evening of Wednesday, 31st January, a concert was given by St. Basil's Choir at the Mimico Asylum for the entertainment of the inmates. The number rendered by the Choir included the "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, and Lambillote's "Aldora To." The duet in the latter was sung by Miss Kate Moylan and Miss Teresa Kormann. Solos were contributed by Miss Fletcher, Messrs. J. T. Kirk, George Forbes, Peter and Michael Costello, and Henry Macnamara, Mr. Kirk receiving a well-merited encore for his rendering of "Father O'Flynn." A duet by Messrs. Kirk and Wario, a piano solo by Miss Annie Johnston, and several quartets complete the programme. Those taking part in the quartets were Messrs. Kirk, Wario, Kelly and Cosgrave, and Messrs. Croake, Shaw, Fullerton, and Costello.

The concert was under the direction of the Rev. Father Murray, and the accompanist Mr. F. A. Moore. Mr. Ed. Croake acted as chairman. After the concert the members of the Choir were entertained at supper by Dr. Murphy, Superintendent of the Asylum, who, in a few words, thanked them for the pleasure their concert had given to the patients under his charge.

Musical Vespers.

Sacred Heart Court 201 of the Catholic Order of Foresters held their annual religious re-union in the Church of the Sacred Heart on Sunday evening last. A large number of friends of the Court was present. The services consisted of musical Vespers by the choir of the church under the able direction of Mrs. McKinnon, the organist.

Previous to the Benediction the Rev. Father Lamarche in his usual pleasing manner referred to the benefits derived from being a member of the above association, and advised those Catholics who had not as yet become members to do so without further delay.

During the Benediction "Dona Meus" a duet, was very well rendered by Mrs. McKinnon and C. Recherche de Sabliere. Gounod's "Ave Maria" was sung with great feeling by Mr. Jos. Mercier, Mrs. Blagden and Mr. O. B. Sonetto then followed with a duet of Mendelssohn which they executed in a most happy way. "Tantum Ergo" by the choir brought to a close one of the most beautiful services held in the city for some time.

St. Alphonsus Club.

The members of the St. Alphonsus Club treated their male friends to a progressive euchre party last Wednesday evening, the 31st ult, and to say that the affair was a success would be to put it very mildly. Great credit is due to the energetic committee having the matter in charge, as nothing was wanting to make the enjoyment of those taking part complete. Tables were placed in the drawing room, card room and billiard room, and when the signal to begin play was given, one hundred of the "boys" drew their chairs closer, and with a just-watch-me-win look in their eyes, settled down for play. A time limit was fixed, and on the stroke of the gong the game ceased, and whichever side had the more points was the winner, the lucky ones thereupon "progressing" to the next table. The best of good nature prevailed through the evening, and those whose feelings were apt to be ruffled by defeat had their spirits soothed by the soft strains from the orchestra which was stationed in the Library. Thirteen games were played and the vicissitudes of those taking part formed the subject of much mirth and friendly badgering. After the playing finished, an adjournment was

made to the refreshment room, where, in the solace of good cheer there presented, the losers forgot their ill-fortune, and the winners recounted with the vividness of a Washington Irving the manner in which they had trounced this one and that, a good many "ifs" evidently having to play a strong part in the narrative.

The Committee in the meantime had been making up the scores and Vice-President O'Donoghue, looking delightfully contented, (whether on account of the lunch or on general principles we can't say), stepped up and presented the winner, Mr. John J. Smythe, with the prize, a fine "smoker," he having won 11 games and lost only 2. In making the presentation, Mr. O'Donoghue expressed the pleasure he felt on seeing so many of the friends of St. Alphonsus Club present. He trusted they had enjoyed themselves and on behalf of the Club he thanked them for their attendance, and said that he hoped that the Club would again have the pleasure of their company in a very short while. Mr. "Jack" Smythe was received with applause and cries of "speech," "speech," "song," but with becoming modesty he intimated that he had not come prepared for speech making, as he had not the faintest idea he would win first prize, and singing was exactly his forte, so he would merely thank the committee for the handsome and appropriate present. The party dispersed at a very reasonable hour, everybody highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

A full report of the debate and concert last Tuesday evening, the 5th instant, will appear in next week's issue.

Bishop Dowling and Dr. Burns.

At a recent charitable meeting at Hamilton Bishop Dowling, speaking of Dr. Burns of the Wesleyan Female College, said: One year ago I was on the Atlantic. I was bearing a message to the Holy Father of love and affection, and nothing pleased me more than this, that when I left Hamilton among those who were kind enough to be at the station to wish me goodspeed was a Protestant clergyman, and when I said to him: 'And what message shall I carry to His Holiness from you?' he replied, 'Give him my kind regards and wish him long life, health and happiness.' That was Dr. Burns. (Applause.) And when I returned I brought back the Holy Father's blessing to all citizens of Hamilton and particularly to Dr. Burns."

In reply Dr. Burns said: "There is one word I want to say about religious technicalities and it is that the Lord will not allow any technicality to come in the way when He says, 'I was hungry and ye gave me bread, sick and ye visited me, imprisoned and ye came unto me, and inasmuch as ye did it unto these ye did it unto me.' (Applause.) I have a hand and a heart and a dollar for any man or set of men who are working in the line of Jesus Christ in trying to make the world a little brighter and better."

Blake Home Rule Fund.

The following has been received by the Editor of the REGISTER from Port Hope.

DEAR SIR Enclosed please find Money Order for thirty two dollars which you will be good enough to forward to the Hon. Edward Blake for "Ireland's Cause." The following are the names of the subscribers.

- Rev. Father Lynch \$10 00
M. E. Kelly 5 00
John Ryan 5 00
John McPoland 3 00
John Harrigan 2 00
Mrs. Christopher 2 00
A Friend 2 00
D. Wrightson 1 00
James Dunfee 1 00
John Curran 1 00

Total \$32 00

Port Hope, Feb. 5th, 1894.

Timely Assistance.

The annual meeting of the "Toronto Savings Bank Charitable Trust" was held at St. John's Grove on Friday last 2nd instant, His Grace the Archbishop presiding. After the usual business had been disposed of it was resolved that the sum of \$500.00 be set aside from the funds of the Trust for distribution among the charities; and that the treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor, be requested to apportion the same as follows:

- Hou of Providence \$200 00
St. Michael's Hospital 200 00
St. Nicholas Institute 100 00
Orphanage at Sunnyside 100 00
Monastery of Our Lady 100 00
House of Industry 100 00

Total \$500 00

The Forty Hours.

This Devotion will be opened at St. Mary's Church, Sunday next after the High Mass by his Grace the Archbishop.

On January 4th, two men named David Young and Adam McWilliams fell off the smack Water Lily in Donaguadoc Harbor and were drowned.