



**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

DR. FULTON has re-appeared in Montreal. He came to complain about the progress of the Catholic Church in the United States and to inform the people of this city that the Chicago World's is a huge Papist institution. It appears that the Catholic descendant—the Duke of Varagua—of the Catholic Columbus who discovered America, has received most marked attention; that the Spanish Princess Eulalia has been honored by the President; that an Irish village has been accorded more space and is attracting more attention than an Oriental street at Jackson Park; that an imitation of the Convent of La Rabida is even consecrated and that Franciscan priests will say public mass therein; that a Catholic congress is to be held during the summer; that the Pope has gone so far as to send his blessing to all concerned in the great show; that Mgr. Satolli, the Apostolic Delegate, was the object of most particular honors; that, in fine, the Catholic Church seems to have full control of the whole vast machinery of the Exhibition. Dr. Fulton may be very correct in these statements—it is not often that he is exact; we feel deep sympathy for the writer of works that the Custom officers of the United States classed in the category of immoral literature and would not let pass; we grieve for the misfortunes of the man who left this city in disgust, after failing in his mission against "Romanism," and who now returns to seek consolation for the failure of his anti-Catholic mission in the neighboring Republic; yes, we feel for poor Dr. Fulton—it must be a heart-scaud for that fiery-brained fanatic to be obliged to acknowledge that the Catholic Church is triumphant and is honored in every land and that she towers sublimely above the confusion of all the other sects. But Montreal is not Dr. Fulton's proper place at this hour. He has undertaken to destroy all "Romanism"; he has promised never to pause until he has shaken the pillars of the Catholic edifice. Now is your time Doctor! Take a cheap excursion ticket for Chicago; don't lose a moment; reach there in time to check the onward march of the Catholic body at the Great Fair; see that Mgr. Satolli is ostracised, and the convent of La Rabida is "boycotted"; demand that the Pope's blessing be repudiated and that Blarney Castle be raised to the ground. Hurry up, Doctor! We would not like that you should come in "a day after the Fair"; and Montreal will get on all summer without you.

A GENTLEMAN from Toronto writes inquiring which of all the Catholic magazines we would recommend as "the most instructive, most likely to impart a high literary taste, and at the same time the most amusing and interesting for young boys and girls—especially youths who are about to enter the world, but have not had a complete course of studies." With-

out the slightest hesitation we reply, The Ave Maria, of Notre Dame, Indiana. In the Youths' Department of that publication most amusing, interesting and instructive contributions constantly appear. In the editorial columns, the principal events of each week are commented upon in a clear, concise and striking manner. The bulk of each issue is made up of the choicest pieces of literature, both prose and verse; most carefully written articles on historical, literary or general subjects; stories that are in themselves a species of education. Everything is "short and sweet;" there is not "an idle word" in the volume from cover to cover. Moreover, the Ave Maria affords another inducement that is not given by any other magazine, Catholic or non-Catholic. It appears in weekly parts. At the end of each month a complete copy of the four weekly portions, bound in one, is sent to the subscriber. Thus, every Sunday you may have some thirty pages of rich, varied and thoroughly Catholic reading; you have not to wait four weeks for each number. And at the end of the month you receive the four in one—very convenient for binding or laying aside for reference.

LAST SUNDAY was the great feast of Pentecost. On that day the Holy Ghost came down, according to the promise of Christ, upon His disciples and they were filled with the seven gifts that have ever since accompanied their successors throughout the ages. In tongues of fire did the Spirit rest upon their heads and they began to speak in the divers languages of the earth. They were thrilled with a perfect Faith, they were nerved with a superhuman courage and they were filled with a wisdom beyond that of all ordinary men. From the assembly room, in which this miracle took place, the envoys of Christ went forth to preach the Gospel to the nations and the nineteen centuries of successes and triumphs give irrefutable evidence of the truth of the constant presence of Christ Himself and the unceasing inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

IN another column we publish a communication on the subject of the "Christian Endeavor" convention that is to take place here this summer. In connection therewith we would repeat the words of a Paulist Father when in Montreal a few months ago. In conversation with the editor of the TRUE WITNESS the Reverend Father said: "During this coming summer your city will be visited by the 'Christian Endeavor' delegates. They came to New York last year and were about 30,000 strong; they owned the city for a couple of weeks. Here is an opportunity for this great Catholic city to show itself; let Montreal Catholics put their best foot forward, and give their visitors such an example of the Church's practical Christianity that perhaps some who would scoff may 'remain to pray,' or in other words depart with a better and more exact idea of Catholicity and Catholics." For this week we will

add nothing to these words of advice. However, we repeat that the suggestion in the letter which we publish is worthy of very serious consideration. It is no easy matter for these visiting hundreds to find lodging and board. Most certainly our Protestant fellow-citizens cannot possibly find comfortable accommodations for twenty-five thousand people. It, therefore, would be very proper were our Roman Catholic families, those who could conveniently do so without any very great trouble to their domestic arrangements, to receive members of the "Christian Endeavor" body. It is exactly in the family circle, at the domestic hearth, in the private devotions that exist in the Catholic household, that strangers to our Holy Religion can best see the practice of those precepts laid down by our Church. Now that so many of our homes are consecrated to the Holy Family, in the evening reunions, in the prayers to the three great models of domestic happiness, in the very movements and conduct of the parents and children, our separated brethren can easily get a glimpse into the beauties of a true Catholic household. Moreover it would be an act of great courtesy and a Christian one likewise, to give the coming visitors an "object lesson" of Catholic hospitality in this "Rome of America."

THE following account of the opening of the Catholic Sailors' Institute, on last Thursday, appeared in one of Friday morning's papers:

"The rooms secured by the Catholic Truth society, at the corner of St. Paul and St. Jean Baptiste streets, for the entertainment of seamen, were opened last night under favorable auspices. About fifty sailors were present, who expressed themselves as much pleased with the arrangements made. They passed a pleasant evening of social intercourse, reading, games, etc. A few remarks were made by Mr. Feeley, the president of the society, stating the objects of the club, and inviting the co-operation of all seamen in making the rooms a pleasant resort for their amusement and mutual benefit. Some of the men present replied, offering suggestions as to the wants of sailors, thanking the society for what they had done. The club is to be open every evening, and all are welcome."

We scarcely know how to express our pleasure at seeing this admirable and much needed work being so vigorously pushed by the members of the Catholic Truth Society and particularly by the ladies who have, under the direction of Mrs. Hingston, made such praiseworthy efforts in the interests of the cause. The foundation is now well laid, but it will naturally take time and patience to build the superstructure. A considerable amount of necessary expense will have to be incurred. We trust that our Catholic citizens, of the different parishes and of different nationalities will contribute, according to their means, to the fund for this Institute. Not only money do the promoters require, but donations of different kinds. Newspapers, books, furniture, stationery, and such-like things will be most thankfully accepted. The public is also invited to visit the

hall and there learn more precisely what the objects and needs of the sailors' club really are. We heartily wish the good Catholics who have taken up this work all manner of success and every possible encouragement.

DURING the last eight or ten months we have been pleading, in one way or another, for Irish Catholic representation upon the Board of School Commissioners. It has finally been decided to grant us a lay representative. Our local member, Mr. Kennedy, has now the matter in hand, and we all know that what Mr. Kennedy undertakes is always well and properly done. He is a man gifted with great energy, broad views, and a determination of purpose that are in themselves a guarantee for his constituents that their interests are safe in his hands. We understand that Mr. Kennedy has already sent in the name of his nominee, as Irish Catholic school commissioner, and that the appointment remains with the Government of Quebec. It is unnecessary for us to give, at this moment, the name of the man chosen by Mr. Kennedy; but we can state fearlessly that he is the best selection that could possibly have been made and that his appointment would meet with the unanimous approbation of the Irish Catholic element of Montreal. He is a man of education, refinement, experience, possessing both languages equally, and enjoying the confidence and respect of the whole community. We would say to the Government that the people interested would be thoroughly satisfied with Mr. Kennedy's nominee, and that we do not want, nor will we accept any person named or suggested by the existing Board or by the Plateau. It is exactly to counteract the influences, that have so long militated against the interests of Irish Catholic tax-payers, that we insisted on having fair representation on the Board, and the man we want must be independent of all such influences. We repeat that our local member has sent the proper name to Quebec.

THE MONTREAL HERALD is true to its instincts. It would not be prudent to come out openly with its anti-Irishism. Sneering is less dangerous and consequently the Herald sneers—as in its opening remarks about the Home Rule meeting of Wednesday evening. Again, it cannot abide the idea that a clever Irish Canadian should hold office in the Government, so it periodically abuses Mr. Solicitor-General Curran because he is a credit to his constituency and his race. Evidently, the speech of the Solicitor-General, at the Home Rule meeting, has disturbed the bile of the Herald, for it devoted a stick of mean and petty sarcasm—which it imagines is wit—to that honorable gentleman in two successive issues. It was the same when Mr. Curran delivered his splendid oration at the Archbishop's celebration. Here is a key to the whole affair. Whenever you read editorial abuse of the Solicitor-General in the Herald you may depend that Mr. Curran has just done or said something that is a credit to himself and to Irish Catholics.