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## LETTER

FROM HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

ST. MICHAEL'S PALACE, Toronto, 29th Dec., 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God-speed to your intended journal, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founder was, hails with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling ignorance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universal instructor for either good or evil, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false doctrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church, your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Religion by its publication.

Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise,

I am, faithfully yours,

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,  
Archbishop of Toronto.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

LORD Selborne has made a fierce attack upon the Irish priesthood in the *Liberal Unionist*.

A REQUIEM mass composed by Abbe Liszt was sung for him in the Church of Della Anima on Saturday. Zambati was the conductor. The Church was filled with foreign and native amateurs.

M.R. Galimberti, on his return from Berlin, had a long audience with the Pope. The latter expressed himself as gratified with Prince Bismark's attitude toward the Vatican. The Italian Government and the Holy See are still estranged.

THE Pope's brief to Bishop Ireland on the temperance question has been issued. In it the Pope praises the Catholic Total Abstinence Union, comments on the deplorable nature of the evils caused by intemperance, and urges pastors to increase their efforts to extirpate the plague of drunkenness.

HIS Eminence Cardinal Taschereau arrived in Quebec from Rome on Tuesday, and was accorded a public welcome. The ceremonies at the Basilica were very imposing, the Cardinal conveying the Apostolic blessing to the people, and proclaiming the Court of Honour which the Holy Father has granted him.

A SECOND audience was given to Americans at the Vatican on Saturday. Cardinal Gibbons presented the visitors to the Pope, who said a kindly word to each, and expressed his delight at again seeing so many of the American faithful. Cardinal Gibbons had a private audience with the Pope previous to the public reception.

IN the House of Lords on Thursday night, the Earl of Cadogan introduced an Irish Land Bill, providing for the purchase of Irish holdings, or the abolition of the system of dual ownership, created by the Act of 1881. The Bill, which is intended to reduce the number of evictions, proposes that landlords must issue notice when writs of ejectment are obtained from Court, and serve the tenant with it, on receiving which, the tenant becomes *ipso facto*, caretaker for a period of six months. The Bill, which passed its first reading, is held by the Liberal press to convict the Ministry of great inconsistency, since it formally admits the eviction of tenants for non payment of impossible rents.

THE debate on the Crimes Bill was resumed by Mr. Parnell on Friday evening in a speech, Mr. Gladstone said, as grinding, pulverizing, and destructive as any he had ever heard. The Government having refused to carry out the recommendation of the Land Commission, the Land Bill but revealed the gravity of the conspiracy by which the tenants in Ireland were intended to be coerced into the payment of impossible rents, and the purchase of landlord interests at exorbitant rates. In spite of the protests of Mr. Gladstone and Parliament, a motion to adjourn the debate was defeated, and a motion for cloture carried by a vote of 361 to 263. On announcement of the result, Mr. Gladstone and the body of the Liberal party left the House, deeming its privileges to have been overruled, the centre of its authority displaced, and an outrage upon its procedure perpetrated, the first reading of the bill being received without division. It is thought that as a result of this incident, the Government will not dare to hurry the second reading of the Coercion measure, as to attempt to crush debate would produce too great indignation throughout the country.