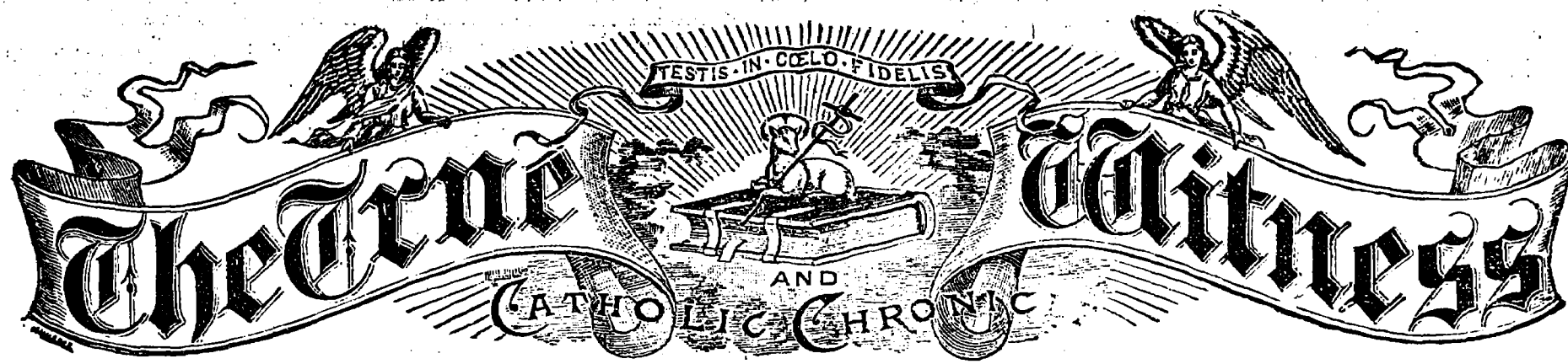


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MANITOBA'S SCHOOLS.

SIR WM. DAWSON'S OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR BOULTON.

THE PLACE OF RELIGION—IT CAN LEGITIMATELY AND PROFITABLY BE INTRODUCED IN THE EXERCISES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

MY DEAR SIR,—I beg to thank you for the honor you have done me in addressing your letter to me...

You refer to the Protestant minority of Quebec. I can assure you that we would have felt it quite unnecessary to go into a controversy with you...

In the case of Manitoba, provision had to be made for a small population, largely Roman Catholic, but it does not follow that the provision, thus made, should now be limited to them...

cially likely to be injured when it falls into the vortex of political and sectarian controversy. You rightly observe that the limited amount of religious education which can be given in Public Schools does not seriously affect the essentials of ordinary education...

CABOT ANNIVERSARY.

ELOQUENT ADDRESS BY REV. DEAN HARRIS.

THE CLEARING OF CANADIAN SENTIMENT—A TRIBUTE TO THE EDUCATION OF OUR COUNTRY—THE FUSION OF THE FRENCH, ENGLISH, SCOTCH AND IRISH RACES.

Hon. G. W. Ross, presided at a public meeting on Monday evening, in St. George's Hall, Toronto, in connection with the proposed Canadian Historical Exhibition of 1897...

MGR. BEGIN'S LETTER.

A Very Important Statement on the Part of His Grace.

The following letter from Archbishop Begin, on the School Question, appears in the Chronicle:—

Archbishop's Palace, Feb. 24th, 1896. To the Editor Morning Chronicle, Quebec:—

DEAR SIR,—By order of His Grace, the Archbishop of Quebec, administrator of the archdiocese of Quebec, I beg to express his regret that the public journals have been apprised of certain statements which, by express agreement, were not destined for publication...

1. He had still to examine and study the text of the Remedial Order and was therefore unable to express an opinion, but that nevertheless, willing to have as much light as possible thrown on the subject, he had already consulted able legalists, untrammelled by political interests, and who do not consider the bill defective as the gentlemen of the Opposition and think it would be wrong not to accept its principles.

2. That there had not been, and that there was not yet, a question amongst the bishops of framing a collective mandement, as the newspapers had announced. As to their attitude in the matter His Grace could affirm nothing, considering that his vicarages were widely scattered, and that he was not thoroughly acquainted with all their views.

3. His Grace affirmed that he treated the school question not as a political but as a religious one, and that he had never consented, and was still unwilling to consent, to enlist in any political party, reserving to himself the rights of judging the acts of either party according to their merits.

4. The Archbishop claimed for the episcopacy the competency requisite to judge the school question, a competency of which certain persons would like to deprive them.

5. He energetically inveighed against the Quebec organs of the Liberal party, which, particularly of late, have been carrying on a work both unwholesome and ill-boding by making use of language most disrespectful to religious authority, which they are striving to undermine in the spirits of the people.

I beg to remain, Yours, respectfully, B. P. GARSIAU, Priest, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY NEWS.

The annual religious celebration of the St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society was held last week in St. Ann's Church, and was very largely attended by the members and the congregation generally...

There was a large representation from St. Patrick's and St. Gabriel's Temperance societies. The president, Mr. J. Killen, and the officers of the three societies, wearing their regalia, had seats in the sanctuary.

THE CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT METHOD OF CHRISTIANIZING AND CIVILIZING THE INDIANS is illustrated by the results in Mexico and the United States. In this latter the Indians are disappearing, while in the former they flourish, and many of them have risen to the highest positions and dignities in Church and State.

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AN ELOQUENT SERMON.

Rev. Father Tupper delivered a beautiful sermon on the feast of St. Valentine, in St. Ann's Church, last evening. The subject of the first part of the sermon was "Jesus Christ and the Actual Name of Society." The Rev. Father said that the greatness of our country was but the power of human reason and liberty...

ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Archbishop has made the following appointments: Rev. F. Beaudry, to be vicar of St. Anne du Bout de l'Isle; Rev. R. Combs, vicar of St. Jerome; Rev. J. Froulx, vicar of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Montreal.

SOME of America's statesmen make use of language more graphic than polite. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, during a recent address in the Senate referred to Cleveland as a "battered tyrant" and to Carlisle as the "Judas from Kentucky."

It is not yet half a century since Pius IX. restored the English hierarchy, and now in England and Wales there are seven teen bishops, with seven in Scotland.

The Catholics of the diocese of Salford, England, have expended \$75,000 for Catholic elementary schools, within the past twelve months.

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