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!! the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITHESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartly bless those who encourage this excellent work.

† PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY JUNE 30, 1900.

Notes of the Week.

ABOUT BIGOTRY. - Bigotry has key, that the strong rule of priests in Ireland has always been the cause of the poverty-stricken condition of the country and of the people. As an lish exchange :evidence that such is not the case we "Universe," which reads thus: -

considering its superficial area. It is little more than one-third the size of Ireland, yet its inhabitants number over 6,000,000. Though it is so densely peopled there is no poverty. nor is there ever a danger of famine. because it produces its own necessaries of life with a good deal to between agriculture and manufactures is well maintained.

there is a fleet of steamers second only to the Atlantic liners. Belgium's creasing. The official returns recent- rest of their fellow-citizens. ly issued show an increase last year of 31 per cent. on the figures of 1898, whilst those of 1898 marked an increase of 25 per cent. on those of 1897. In exports alone the in- if you like) of never "opening his hold, and where has it not? The crease is over 50 per cent. The pros- mouth without putting his foot in Irish language is being revived, and perity of Belgium exposes the falseness of the platitude, so frequently on the lips of ignorant bigots namely, that where Catholicity prevails there is nothing but poverty prudence and moderation in mis- therland. Knowing that, they will

Belgium has been governed by a Cathcontrasted with the poverty of Ire-|gle pang. They earned their martyrs' land. The wealth of Catholic Bel- crown, while England's Foreign Office gium and Catholic France refutes the looked another way. Of course, the assertion that all countries that are church papers and the missionaries at under Catholic control have degener- once retort that it is not so much ated, or are poor and behind in the the missionaries who have changed as

the declarations of that olden coun- leases, and usufructs, exploit even try's weakness, we find that the con- the preacher of the gospel."

daily affoat you only needed the nacessary material." Nothing could be more true than this assertion, only hat it leaves you to suppose that the getting of that necessary mate- prosperous people on this northern long asserted, in every imaginable rial is an easy task. The first onestion to ask is this: What is the ne- make that an accomplished fact, Irecessary material? There is the stick- land needs friends, intelligent and return home full of admiration for ler. Read this extract from an Eng-

"Halfpenny journalism in London is have only to look at Belgium, by not the good thing it looks. Arthur way of contrast, and to compare Pearson, whose "Daily Express" is that country with Ireland. Yet the London's latest halfpenny journal. Belgian priest exercises his political has informed the public this week power to an extent not even attempt- that he is losing \$1,250 a day on ed by the Irish priest. We take as this paper, that the cost of the text an extract from the London plant and preliminary work made the first issue worth \$500,000, that to "A wonderful little kingdom is Bel- establish the "Express" will cosr \$1,gium, so populous and so wealthy, 250,000, and two years' very hard work, and that the next person who wants to establish a daily paper in London must spend two and a half n.illion dollars."

Mr. Pearson has evidently had some practical experience in daily news- a special reward to be known as the to the newspaper man:paper work. We feel very much like "Kilkeeven Prize," for the boy most start. In a daily paper fifty thoil- distinct examinations, written and Belgium has an effective army, sand dollars would go no place. You ocal, to enable those charged with small, but compact, navy, and consil must have not only the sum needed the task to discern it. Amongst thirderable commerce. One of its colo- to commence operations, but all that ty competitors, ten were worthy of nial enterprises is the Congo Free is required to continue them for a special mention, four were so nearly State, between which and Antwerp certain time. It would please us very equal in excellence that they all demuch to see some of these would-be served and received prizes; whilst the

> seem that Lord Salisbury possesses taking place all over the world, the happy faculty, (or unhappy one, wherever the Irish race has a footit." An exchange tells us that :-

general march onward and upward. | the foreign Ministers of Christendom. Take for example Spain! After all who, in their craving for lands,

flict with the United States has by The Premier appears to be strong no means crippled her. Her recuper- on the question of spreading the Gosative powers are astonishing. and | pcl He would carry civilization and vet Spain is a Catholic country. But | Christianity into the extreme ends of these are arguments of a nature to | the earth. He is very much interconfound all opponents of the church. ested in the welfare of distant and of the university is, in itself, an evipagan peoples. This explains how dence of his splendid qualities of A DATLY PAPER. — We have fre lie cannot afford time to take any heart and mind as well as his great quently been amused at the ease with interest in people near home and aptitude for the administration of which a certain class of people talk Christians. To the mind of the Pre- such an institution, and his wonderabout establishing a daily paper. One later there is nothing grander than ful talents as displayed in profound would think that all had to be done the idea of a Mahomedan College set scholarship and persuasive eloquence. was to decide and then go ahead. up at Khartoum; while the idea of a It is with sincere pleasure that we A gentleman, who is certainly a pro- Catholic university in Treland is note the progress made by that ad- swered or criticized; but we will

Lord explains the apparent paradox that while the British Empire is expunding and improving all the world culous before the eyes of the great nations of earth.

THE KILKEEVEN PRIZE.

"I desire to do for our young people that which has been done for the youth of England, by many writers. I desire to interest them in their country; to convince them that its history is no wild, dreary and uninviting monotony of internecine slaughter, but an entertaining and instructive narrative of stirring events, abounding with episodes, thrilling, glorious and beautiful. . In childhood or boyhood to-day there rapidly approaches for them a tomorrow, bringing manhood with its cares, duties, responsibilities. When we, who have proceeded them, shall have passed away for ever, they will be the men upon whom Ireland must depend. They will make her future. They will guide her destinies. They will guard her honor. They will defend her life." The above quotation is borrowed

from the preface of A. M. Sullivan's story of Ireland. It contains the spirited expressions of a patriotic man. To-day his book is in the hands of youth, thousands of miles away from the land of their forefathers, and the children of Irish exiles are being taught from its pages to love and revere that land. Every member of the Irish race, wherever his lot may be cast, looks forward to the day of Ireland's complete regeneration. Within the four corners of the great Empire, of which we form an integral part, nowhere is the desire more ardent than in the breasts of Irish Canadians, that the old land may enjoy the benefit of Home Rule, such as has made us a happy, contented, and half of the American continent. To educated. There must be a solidarity of the race wherever the lot of her children may be cast. Those descendants of Ireland will be none the less good, ardent and patriotic citizens of the land in which they live, but all the better in these respects, by preserving an affectionate remembrance, a deep affection, for the cradle of their race, a land whose glories, trials and tribulations form an epic porn amongst the histories of peoples. It is with especial pride and gratification that we find those in charge of the curriculum of studies of our Catholic High School, giving a prominent place to the study of Irish history. Still more to notice, that a patriotic son of Ireland has founded trade with the Congo is rapidly in- them good while entertaining the points, and richly deserved the rehoped that this zeal may continue in shows their assertions based SALISBURIAN CYNICISM.-It would the future. To-day an awakening is other movements are on foot; but "Speaking at the bicentenary meet- the first requisite, is to make the ing of the Society for the Propaga- youth of the race feel the necessity tion of the Gospel, the Premier urged of knowing the history of their fasionary enterprise in a way that has understand why they should love it; If Ireland is a Catholic country, proved most unpalatable to his cler- why they should strive to be a credit Belgium is more so, because the Pro- ical allies. He took as his text the to it; why they should make sacritestant minority in Ireland is pro- Eastern proverb, "First missionary, fices to ensure to it its proper place portionately greater than the Pro- then consul, then general," and warn- in the great Empire to whose greattestant minority in Belgium. Ireland ed missionaries against so acting as ness their race has contributed on has been governed for long genera- to foster the idea current, at least in every battle field, in every department tions, and especially since the Act of China, that missionary work was a of art, literature and science. A study the Union, by an English element; mere instrument of the secular gov- of that history will induce them to ernment. He dwelt fondly on the take a deep interest in every kindred olic, native element. The result is days when the murder of a round movement, and will make of them to be seen in the wealth of Belgium dozen of missionaries caused no sin- intelligent, educated and progressive

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

We publish elsewhere in this issue the annual address of the Rector of the University of Ottawa. The Rev. Dr. Constantineau, O.M.I., who now occupies the high office of Rector, and who has reviewed, in such clear and elegant language the year's work, during the fifty-second year of the institution's existence, stands in the foremost rank of educators in Canada. His elevation to the rectorship

and all parts citthe, United States a very creditable contingent. Situated on the confines of two provinces, in Ontario that can bestow degrees, those given by Laval. We in Quebec are so surrounded with admirable our co-religionists in the vast Province of Ontario have actually only this college from which they may take degrees equal to a matriculation examination. The curriculum of the university, starting with the most elementary class up to the second year of philosophy, is possibly the most complete in Canada, and this continent. The work done by the members of the Oblate Order in establishing the old St. Joseph's College, out of which have gone forth some of the foremost men of the day. On the bench, wearing the mitre, leading in the arena of comthe guidance of Rev. Father Tabaret,

D.D., O.M.I. A worthy successor to that great and patriotic man, who left the impress of his life's work upon the little town that has since become the capital of this great Dominion, Dr. Constantineau has every reason to congratulate the pupils upon the progress made during the past term and to receive for himself and the faculty of the university the expression of the public's felicitations. We trust sincerely that when another year shall have been completed, the same good Rector will be there to pronounce another magnificent address. and that the number of the pupils will be far in excess of this year. The work of the University of Ottawa is at once the work of God and His Church, and that of Canadian Patriotism; even the students from abroad, coming there with prejudices against Canada, and her institutions, our Dominion and its picturesque capital. Long life to its Rector! and success to the university!

THE CATHOLIC AND HIS PAPER.

In connection with our somewhat lengthy statement of our intentions concerning delinquent subscribers, in our last issue, we have found in the "Midland Review," of the 2nd May inst, some language which immediately flashes upon us as very appropriate and most timely. That organ thus deals with a class of fault-finding subscribers who are a veritable pest

"It is strange how differently many write in protesting letters - never once say "Stop my paper." But, let bluntly, and straightway he is assailed as though he had entered into man of the forked tail. Some of lis rather have an A.P.A. paper in their truth. It is right to hold the Catholic editor straight, but it is wrong to magnify his occasional blunders this. while insults from the secular journal are swallowed with exemplary humility. We submit that a few complaining letters lodged against secular editors who deliberately insult us. would show better Christianity than fulminations against a man whose cuties are so many that it is no wonder he blunders occasionally."

We are not given to fault-finding. nor do we allow our pen to dip in find it most delightful when another organ furnishes us with articles of the class above. We reproduce them with a good heart, for they dovetail into our own oft-repeated expressions. It would seem that the experience of Catholic newspaper men is about the same all over the continent. Decidedly the possession of the gift of infallibility would be necessary for the many amongst the Catholic editors. This "stop my paper" class of subscribers is small. yet a few of them exist, and for their bitelit we have reproduced this ar-

THE ELECTIVE SYSTEM.

In the "Catholic World" magazine, for June, Rev. Father Burns, of Notre Dame, Indiana, has an elaborate contribution in which he sets forth the advantages of what he calls the "Elective System of Education." If carried into practice Father Burns' method would upset all preconceived and long practised systems. Every styled of accepted curriculum. would have to vanish. We know not by whom Father Burns may be anrinent merchant in his own line, told abominable and not to be tolerated. mirable institution. Five hundred anxiously await the July issue of the ing within, every-ray of light reveals

over, England is making herself ridi- it is the only Catholic establishment mind the subscribers to our paper that we do not give these explanawhich are equal in every sense to tions of Father Burns as our ownideas on this subject; we have not yet had time to fully investigate and important Catholic colleges that the matter; but, in common with all we often lose sight of the fact that others who have a special interest in

educational affairs, we will follow the question to its very solution. The article above referred to contains these paragraphs :---

"The cultivation of special aptitudes, if right and desirable at all. should not be neglected in the college. The college cannot shift the responsibility onto the university, on the ground that the latter is certainly equal to the very highest on proper place for specialization. The reason is, that only a very small proportion of college graduates, ever to universities; and, moreover. the university courses themselves presuppose, on the part of the college suppose, on the part of the student, some degree of concentration tion. The Russians' conduct at Take, of studies. I have been informed, on of studies. I have been intolline, on flamed the natives. The Russians and graduate of a college in which the merce, are pupils of the Ottawa Col- uniform curriculum obtains may hope lege (as it was then called) under for admittance to most of the courses in Johns Hopkins university, without an extra year or so of preparation; and this, not from prejudice, or any desire of discrimination, but simply from the student's unfitness for the highly specialized work of the university, through lack of necessary

> preliminary concentration. "In determining the ideal, the lifepurpose of the student must be taken into consideration. This is a practical age, and the college of co-day must not only turn out cultured gentlemen, but must enable a young man to sit himself, if need be, for some useful career in life. Since the found the soldiers had sold their great majority of college never go to a university or professional school, it is plain that, in reported to have been destroyed. their case at least, the college must do this work, if it is to be done at asking for war ships. The arrival of all. With the onward march of civil- the British first-class cruiser Terrible ization, and the increasing diversity and two Japanese cruisers at theio of intellectual occupations, the demands upon the college in this way will be also likely to increase. It is to the merit of the elective system that it lends itself readily to any special preparation of the kind that may be desired."

NOTES OF THE A O.H.

The veteran Hibernian Division of Montreal held its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, when the following officers were elected: President, Mr. B. Feeny; vice-president, Mr. J Connolly; recording-secretary, Mr. M Bermingham, by acclamation; financial-secretary, Mr. J. McIver, by a clamation; treasurer, Mr. Scullion, by acclamation; chairman of standing committees, Mr. R. P. Crampsey county president, Mr. McMorrow Afterwards the officers were installed. Provincial President Turner and Provincial Secretary Coffey were present. and addressed the members on various matters concerning the organization.

very largely attended meeting o Division No. 9 was held in their hall, 2444a St. Catherine street, Wednesday evening, 27th June. A lot of important business was transact- man refugee, who has arrived at The election of officers for the Shanghai, the condition of Tien-Tsin ensuing year took place, and resulted is horrible. Everywhere in the streets Mr Pearson. No publication, be it proficient in that study. The compe- Catholics treat a journal of their own Clarke. Fe-Elected by acclamation : women, Americans as well as all as follows: President, spare for exportation. The balance racderate or not, but needs an im- tition for the prize during the past faith from the way they treat the vice-president, Win. P. Stanton, re- other nationalities. The Hong Kong mense amount of money wherewith to year was so keen, that it required two secular daily. The daily can insult elected by acclamation; recording-sethem deliberately, and yet they never cretary. John F. Hogan; financial-secretary, M. J. Doyle; treasurer, A. J. Hanley; chairman of standing comthe Catholic editor make a mistake, mittee, D. McNulty; sergeant-at-arms, or suffer a fact to be stated over- F. Larkin; sentinel, M. Clarke, Quite a few brothers from the different Divisions were present, including Broa solemn compact with the gentle- thers Brogan and Stafford, of No. 3, Brothers Nolan, Kane, Brennan, Mcjournalists at work; it might do winner scored 92 out of 100 possible a sailants even tell him they would Aleer and Neville, of No. 8, and many otners. The Division is holding a homes. Their patronage of journals smoker on Wednesday, 11th July. ward conferred upon him. It is to be which maliciously insult their fatth Every member in the County should on now help the Haby by taking it by the hand, as it is beginning to walk. Being present at the smoker will do

PERSONAL.

Sir William Hingston and his son. Donald, will sail for Europe on July

Prof. Fowler, organist of St. Patrick's Church, intends to make a trip across the ocean this summer. He will probably go about the end of July. Principal Sanders, of the Catholic High School, has taken passage on the ink of harsh criticism, so we the Allan Liner which sails on Satur- mour's force or from Tien-Tsin. Our day morning. He will be absent last information from the officer is about six weeks.

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. THOMAS SEXTON .-- An old and well known member of St. Patrick's Church passed to her reward a few days ago in the person of Mrs. Thomas Sexton, of University street. Mrs. Sexton was highly esteemed in Montreal among a large circle friends. To her son and daughters the "True Witness" offers its most sincere sympathy in the great loss they have suffered .-- R.I.P.

PATRICK GANNON. - A despatch received by Mrs. Thomas Moore from Minneapolis, yesterday, announces the death of Mr. Patrick Gannon. 't'he sad event occurred after a brief illness of about one week. Mr. Gannon was well known in Montreal.

MRS. DANIEL SULLIVAN. - It is also our melancholy duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, of Peterboro, which sad event occurred a short time ago. Deceased had attained her 71st year at the time of her death. To her husband, who survives her, an old and loyal subscriber to the "True Witness," we offer our deep sympathy.-R.I.P.

Christian faith is a grand cathedral divinely-pictured windows. Standing without you see no glory, us the other day that "to set a good This peculiar aptitude of the noble pupils from all sections of Canada same publication—it may contain a harmony of unspeakable splendor."

THE WAR IN CHINA

Reports from Chefoo, June 26, say ; The foreigners everywhere are urging the immediate concentration of an army of 100,000 men, or at least 50, 000 men, for an advance on Pekin.

Many persons familiar with the Chinese character think the foreign Ministers and Vice-Admiral Seymour de held as hostages for good terms of settlemen. They also believe the whole Chinese army is joining in the movement, under the leadership of Tun-Fu-Hsiang, who crushed the Mohammedan rebellion. He was nonnally degraded recently for the purpose of quickly organizing an antiforeign uprising.

It is estimated that 60,000 so diers, well armed but poorly disciplined, are about Pekin and Tien-Tsin.

The Chinese officers boast that they have 400,000 soldiers.

Admiral Seymour's force carried week's rations, and the men had an average of 150 rounds of ammuni according to the other officers, inreported to have been shooting the Chinese indiscriminately and driving away the peaceful Chinese who would have procured transportation and provisions, and looting the town.

A great naval demonstration at all treaty ports is also desirable in order to influence the wavering Chinese merchants who are friendly to for eigners.

The masses are becoming excited at the reports of their countrymen's successes against the powers. Merchantmen arriving here report that the Boxers are drilling in the streets of New-Chwang, and that when the offcials inspected the soldiers with the view of suppressing the Boxers they graduates rifles and equipments to the Boxers. The military school at Moukden s

The British Consul at Foo-Chow is to-day relieved the strained situation. Two Chinese furts, equipped with Krupp guns, command the foreign city. The only protection was the United States gunboat Yorktown, with 150 sailors. As an outbreak was reported last night, the sailors slept on their arms and the foreigners prepared to take refuge on the ships.

A despatch from London. June 26, says :- The German Consul at the Foo cables that the relief column catered Tien-Tsin on the afternoon of June 23, and started again on June 24 to rescue Vice-Admiral Seymour, who, with the foreign Ministers, was said to be occupying a position twelve and a half miles from Tien-Tsin, where he was surrounded and hard pressed by a great force of Boxers and Chinese regulars.

Possibly the Japanese report that seymour is a prisoner, and that the Ministers had left Pekin guarded by Chinese soldiers is merely a distorted version of the Berlin story. But, in any event, definite news may be expected speedily, and it is confidently believed here Seymour and his companions will be safely delivered from their plight.

According to the report of a Chinaand German banks, he adds, were both destroyed early during the bombardment.

Shanghai also reports that the Americo-Russian relief force was so badly ambuscaded that the forces were obliged to abandon several field guns and much ammunition. About 180 Russians and eleven Americans wen killed or wounded. The German gunboat Iltis and a

Russian torpedo-boat-destroyer are patrolling the Pei-Ho River and raking, with machine guns, the native villages on the river banks, which were filled with concealed "snipers." A telegram from the Governor of Kiao-Chou, dated June 25, which has reached Berlin, announces that, at cording to reports from Chinese sources, Vice-Admiral Seymour's force has reached Peksin. This is probably merely a reiteration of the previous

reports on the same subject. The Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, Mr. William St. John Brodrick, said in the House of Com-

mons: "We have no direct information from the Legations or Admiral Sevcharge at Wei-Hai-Wei is that 3,000 of the force for the relief of Tien-Tsin was encamped within nine miles of Tien-Tsin on the evening of June 23. From private creditable sources we are informed that the relief force subsequently, entered Tien-Tsin and marched north, and that the Legations were not harmed up to June 20. We carnestly hope this is true."

Paris, June 26 .- M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, informed a Cabinet Council to-day that the French Consul at Shanghai telegraph ed, under date of June 24, that all was quiet in the southern provinces, in the Yangtse-Kiang Valley and is Szechuen province. The Minister added that no news had been received from Pekin, and that eleven Chinese war ships were lying off Shanghai.

The Chinese Minister here commit nicated to M. Delcasse, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, this evening a te legram which he received to-day from the Viceroy of Yunnan, saying that M. Francois, the French Consul, and those with him at Yunnan-Sen started June 24 for Tonquin. The Vicerov, it was added, had a number of wellofficered soldiers accompanying the party for protection over the entire route, and it was believed they would be able to leave the province without

The Minister also said he had re ceived a dispatch saying the Euro peans at Pekin on that date were well and safe, but its importance was

difficulty.

lost, as it was not dated. The French cruiser Admiral Charner left Brest to-day for China and the Fight: will sail to-hight.