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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.

It is learned from trustworthy sources that Mgr. Galimberti is to be made a Cardinal and appointed Secretary of State to the Vatican.

CARDINAL Taschereau has suspended his mandate against the Knights of Labour in Quebec, pending further inquiry and judgment.

THE clerical press of Rome published a report that Mgr. Aglieri, on his return from India, will be appointed Pontifical Under-Secretary in place of Mgr. Mocenni, who will be sent as Nuncio to Vienna.

DR. WINDTHORST, the German Catholic leader, has sent a telegram to the Pope saying that the Centre party will accept the Prussian Ecclesiastical Bill as a filial duty to the head of the Church and without any reserve.

THE Pope has forwarded to the French Government proposals the object of which is to bring about an understanding with France, with reference to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and China.

THE Pope, in view of the Russian Government's complaints of the hostility of the Catholic clergy in Russia, has instructed the Congregation for Ecclesiastical Affairs to examine the question of Pan-Slavism in relation to the Church, in order to be able to give instructions to the Bishops in Russia without offending the Czar's Government.

IN consequence of England's treatment of Ireland and the attitude of the Irish clergy on the Irish question, the Pope is announced to have charged Cardinal Simeoni, Prefect of the Congregation of the Propaganda, to make a thorough enquiry into the whole matter and to draft instructions for the Irish bishops.

THE Attorney-General of Ontario has given notice of the introduction into the Legislature of a motion of sympathy to the Irish people, in the present crisis in political affairs. The resolution regrets that instead of a measure granting to the people of Ireland the boon of self-government, another English Government should have submitted stringent coercive legislation, designed to still further exasperate that people, and places on record the sympathy of the people and Legislature of this Province with the efforts of the Irish people, with the hope that their miseries may be ameliorated, and that self-government granted them which this country enjoys with such happy advantages.

THE debate in the English House of Commons on the Irish Crimes Bill, has dragged along in a desultory fashion. The House, which resumed business on Tuesday, will not fill up until Thursday. Mr. Gladstone will revive interest in Parliament by speaking on Friday. The Government is said to be anxious to reach the second reading of the bill without resort to closure, and will not insist upon a division until the 22nd of this month. This is an indication perhaps, that the popular demonstrations of opinion in opposition to coercion have not been without some restraining influence on the Government. The Liberal leaders availed themselves of the Easter recess to fully acquaint the country with the extreme character of the proposals and to institute a general anti-coercion campaign throughout the kingdom.