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A COMPREHENSIVE CHURCH.

In the best and truest sense the title above is predicated of only one Church. This is the Church of Rome, whose right to comprehensiveness and Catholicity in time and place there is none to dispute.

one whole. Just as the organs of the body join together to form one body, which as one and a whole is animated by the soul, so do the various parts of Christ's mystical body unite and form the Church.

UNIVERSITY GOVERNORS.

On Tuesday last the Government chose the new Board of Governors in whose hands would be vested the management of the University of Toronto. The Board consists of twenty-two of whom, the Chancellor and the President, are the only official members.

ANOTHER EXPOSURE.

If the narrative concerning the operations of a Toronto abattoir published in the World of Tuesday morning be true in effect or intention, there is not the least doubt that a rigid and vigorous investigation of this class of business must be undertaken without delay in the interest of public health.

When the insurance investigation began to attract attention in the United States, Canadian sympathy with the object manifest, which so vitally concerned the families of this Dominion, failed for a time to rouse itself to any other demonstration of activity than to rub its patriotic hands and thank God—not exactly that insurance directors across the line were so bad, but that our lot were so much better.

The investigation of our Canadian insurance companies has given us pause, and it is not too much to say that the jails should be yawning today for some of the "canned finance" trustees of this fair Dominion.

When the packing houses scandal put insurance into the shade in the neighboring republic, no time was lost by Toronto in attesting its purity and righteousness once more.

However we may be disposed to evade the fact, the exposure of our insurance system shows that American directors have been conducting themselves with a great deal more prudence than there seems to have been any necessity for on the part of their impudent Canadian imitators.

APPEAL OF A STRUGGLING MISSION.

In another part of our paper is found an appeal from Rev. Father H. W. Gray of Norfolk, England, on behalf of a mission in which the Holy Sacrifice is offered in a garret, and in keeping with this, poverty reigns supreme in the surrounding atmosphere.

A pious Methodist woman died in Toronto last week and was buried with many proofs of the respect and reverence of those who knew her. She was known in the church which she attended as "Saint Ann" or "Holy Ann."

Prominent Catholic of Montreal Dead

Last week we were only able to note the sad fact of the death of Mr. F. B. McNamee, one of Montreal's best known Catholics, and one whose name and memory will long be reserved for his great work in connection with the charitable and philanthropic institutions of the city in which the greater part of his long life of 79 years was passed.

in Ireland, in the town of Cavan, October 17, 1828. When only ten years of age he came with his mother to the country of his adoption.

It was in the year 1834 that the family landed in Quebec, proceeding to Montreal on the following day on board the old Canada. The time was one of unrest in Canada, following the troubles of '37 and '38, and it was in the anecdotes of the late Mr. McNamee that he had seen on his arrival in Canada the departure of the condemned Canadian insurgents for Bermuda, following the executions which took place after the suppression of the rebellion.

The first winter of his residence in Montreal Mr. McNamee attended Notre Dame. At that time the English-speaking churches were Bonsecours and Recollect Church, at the corner of Notre Dame and St. Helen streets. Mr. McNamee was wont to tell that at the time of his first acquaintance with Canada, the Irish people were strong adherents of the British sovereignty.

The late Mr. McNamee went into business as a contractor, and in business he had a successful career. During his long career he was connected with many of the greatest public works from one side of the country to the other.

Mr. McNamee was one of the most faithful members of St. Patrick's Church, although he was at all times ready to contribute to the cause of any other church of his creed. Besides the Sailors' Club, with which the name of Mr. McNamee is commonly identified as having had its being chiefly through his labors, the various hospitals, the Cathedral, and many other deserving objects found generous support and encouragement at his hands.

Mr. McNamee is survived by his widow and two children, Mrs. P. McGovern and Mr. J. T. McNamee.

The funeral took place from St. Patrick's Church. The body was received by Rev. Martin Callaghan. The Rev. Luke Callaghan officiated at the requiem, assisted by Fathers P. Heffernan and Killoran as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

Cathedral, Convent and Hospice Destroyed by Fire in Nicolet

Shortly after six o'clock on the morning of the 22nd inst., the fire, which had raged all night in the village of Nicolet, Que., and which had done in all damage estimated at \$700,000, was finally extinguished.

Largely through the exertions of the St. Hyacinthe fire brigade, which was rushed by special train at 9.30 o'clock in the morning, the fire was placed under control. The cathedral, the parish church, the residence of Mgr. Suzor, the convent and outhouses of the nuns of the Assumption, besides the residence of the Richard family, were totally destroyed.

Three hundred Sisters were in the convent when the fire broke out, but they had time to escape, not, however, before many had fainted and some of the older ones had become hysterical. Fortunately, the children who go there to study had returned to their homes for holidays. It is not known how the fire originated.

The entire losses are estimated as follows: New cathedral \$200,000; Old cathedral 70,000; Church furnishings 45,000; L'Assumption Convent 20,000; Hospice St. Joseph 30,000; Richard's residence 10,000. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Guelph Notes

His Lordship the Bishop of Hamilton, in compliance with the advice of his physicians, has returned to St. Joseph's Hospital for a few weeks for special treatment, and it is reported he is doing as well as can be expected after his operation.

Very Rev. Father Cushing of St. Michael's College, Toronto, though we regret to state unimproved in health, has left St. Joseph's Hospital to spend an indefinite time with his friend, Father Hady, at Drayton, and it is to be hoped he may be benefited by the change.

The closing of the Forty Hours here was most impressive, the procession being formed of three societies of men, Children of Mary and the school children, carrying banners and flowers in profusion. The music was particularly fine. The nuns assembled on the balcony of the convent joined in the choir as the procession passed.

"Knowing" The Church

One of the most fruitful reasons for adherence to Protestantism in the rank and file is the existence of the widespread belief that it knows and understands Catholicism, and knowing it, must have shun it for the soul's sake. And it is notable that those of our Protestant friends who most vigorously assert their supposed knowledge of the Church, are usually those, willfully or otherwise, most ignorant of it.

knowledge of the Church and her practices and teachings, and less implicit and blind belief in calumny and most erroneous and foolish notions, there would be a vast number indeed added to those within the fold.

Almost every Protestant has his peculiar idea of the Church, either original or handed down, and there are some remarkable and really curious ones steadfastly clung to and religiously believed in, and the number who seek to verify or disprove their Protestant conceptions of the Roman Catholic Church are far too few.

It is strange with what facility most Protestants take for true false notions and calumnies about the Church, and continue to be Protestants in the strength of them. Protestants! Solemn, conscientious believers in a movement that to-day, were it not for its serious nature, closely approaches the ridiculous when referred to as the true "church," more especially on account of the many and ever-increasing number of "true" sects, which now compose it.

As has been said, this unhappy state among our Protestant friends is indirectly the result of their supposed knowledge, and understanding of Catholicism, and as they see it, rather anything than the Church of Rome. Could they but disabuse their minds of their notions and rid themselves of prejudice long enough to honestly investigate the Church, how much they would benefit their spiritual selves—for to know Catholicism is to embrace it. And at the same time could they really see Protestantism as it is and where it will ultimately lead to, if they would take into consideration the manner of its origin, realize that it is but man-made (and not by very good men primarily either) and finally become aware of the fact that the bible only is a very vague and contradictory "religion," what a happy condition of affairs would result.

The best Protestant thinkers are little better than rationalists, and but one step removed from atheism. A thorough knowledge of Protestantism (and only Protestantism) surely produces disbelief in things spiritual, because such a knowledge serves only the better to manifest its nothingness. And here is where the inborn prejudice and false conceptions of most Protestants, work havoc, for if the religion of their own making is unsatisfactory, Catholicism to them is equally out of the question, and the inevitable result is indifferentism. Were they less taken for granted concerning the Church and more real knowledge obtained by our Protestant friends, the lamentable state of things would be considerably ameliorated.

A STRUGGLING INFANT MISSION

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, FAKENHAM, NORFOLK, ENGLAND.

Where is Mass said and Benediction given at present? IN A GARRET, the use of which I get for a rent of ONE SHILLING per week.

Average weekly collection, 3s. 6d. No endowment whatever, except HOPE. Not a great kind of endowment, you will say, good reader. Ah, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened. I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of Northampton, will, in due course, become a great Mission.

But outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming? Have noted how willingly the CLIENTS of ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this—so far as the Catholic Faith is concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO A LITTLE. Do that little which is in your power, for God's sake, and with the other "littles" that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly.

DON'T TURN A DEAF EAR TO MY URGENT APPEAL

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"ARTHUR, Bishop of Northampton." Address—FATHER H. W. GRAY, Hempton Road, Fakenham, Norfolk, England.

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