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THOS, COFFEY,
Publisher and Proprietor. LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP

WALSH.

London, Ont., May 23, 1879.

DEAR MR. COFFEY,—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its one and principles; that it will remain, what it has been, thoroughly Catholic, entirely independent of political parties, and exclusively devoted to the cause of the Church and to the promotion of Catholic interests. I am confident that under your experienced management the RECORD will improve in usefulness and efficie cy; and I therefore carnestly commend it to the patronage and encouragement of the clergy and laity of the diocese.

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Pelieve me, Yours very sincerely, + JOHN WALSH, - HOND OF LONG Mr. TROMAS COFFEY ... "Catholic Record."

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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAR. 18, 1881.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR THE DIOCESE OF LONDON FOR 1881.

1st. All the week days of Lent, from Ash Wednesday till Easter Sunday, are fast days of precept on one meal, with the allowance of a moderate collation in the

evening.
2nd. General usage has made it lawful to take in the morning some tea or coffee with a morsel of bread.

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3rd. The precept of fasting implies also that of abstinence. But by a dispensation from the Holy See, A. D. 1874, for ten years, the use of flesh meat is allowed in years, the use of flesh meat is anowed this Diocese at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of Lent, with the exception of the Saturday in Ember week a d Easter Saturday. 4th There is neither fast nor abstinend to be observed on Sundays of Lent.

5th. It is not allowed to use fish with flesh meat at the same meal in Lent.
6th. There is no prohibition to use eggs. butter, or cheese, provided the rules of the quantity prescribed by the law of the

fast be complied with.

7th Lard may be used in preparing fish, vegetables, etc., etc., etc., when but-

ter cannot be easily procured. 8th. The Church excuses from the obligation of fasting (but not of abstinence from flesh meat, except in special cases of sickness or the like), the following classes of persons: First, the infirm; second, those e duties are of an exhausting or laborious character; third, persons who are under the age of twenty-one years; fourth, women in pregnancy or nursing infants; fifth, those who are enfeebled by old age, all who through any cause cannot fast without great prejudice to their health.

Persons who are in doubt as to whether their circumstances, they are bound by the law of fast and abstinence should cor sult their confessor or pastor, and should follow his direction in the matter. By order of His Lordship the Bishop, W. O'MAHONY, Secretar

THE ASSASSINATION OF THE CZAR.

The most startling occurrence which has taken place for many years was flashed across the Atlantic last Monday morning. The Czar of all the Russias has at last met his death at the hands of an assassin. Wh ledriving along in company with some members of the royal household and guarded by a small number portion of the vehicle. Another fol-

bleeding and dying on the roadway. justify such a dreadful crime. All any extremity of personal endurance must regard it with horror, for in in defence of the legal rights of the the language of St. Paul, one cannot country; and he knew that there was do evil that good may come there an honorable emulation among the from. Assassination is at best but members of the committee who the action of a coward. Neverthe- should be the next victim in such a less, this fearful occurrence conveys struggle. As a daily reminder of his very important lessons, amongst new duties he resolved not to taste wine which is the fact that people who or any intoxicating liquor till the Union are oppressed and robbol of their was repealed, and he invited other just rights and liberties will have Repealers to follow his example. recourse to desperate means to rid The manner in which he discharged themselves of a tyrant, and to acquire their natural and civil rights. The assassination of the Czar of surrection, the sufferings of a fugitive, Russia is a sad and fearful thing, the lingering tortures of imprisonment, but it looks to us like a divine retri- the tedium of exile, nor the defeat of bution. The cries of poor oppressed and bleeding Poland were always listened to with a deaf ear. Hun- was only after his return from Van some Bishops, were condemned by induced, under professional advice, Siberia, where they have been wast purposes. What an example and ing away their lives in hard labor for the crime of having been true to their God, to their religion and to their country. Such unmerciful oppression is sure, sooner or later, to bring down a fearful retribution

upon itself. The mills of God, as the old saying has it, grind slowly, but they grind surely. Could not the government of England also learn a lesson from this crime? Might it not also learn the lesson that it is an unwise policy to answer the cries of an oppressed people by depriving them of the common rights of the constitution, and giving them, instead of justice, chains and prisons.

MR. SAVAGE RAISES A TEMPEST.

Some years ago in Ireland a Protestant clergyman happened to be going along the road, when he came in contact with a man engaged in breaking stones. "Is not this very hard work, my friend," remarked the minister. "It is, sir," replied Patrick, "but you have been engaged in much harder work all your lifetime." The good man seemed perplexed. "What do you mean?" queried the minister." Well, sir, haven't you been hammering away at the rock of Peter for a great many years, and you have never been able to knock a splinter off it yet." This is precisely the work that Rev. David Savage, pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church of this city, is now engaged in. We are sorry to see him wasting much valuable time and a large amount of energy in delivering a course of lectures on "Romanism." But, after all, perhaps the time is not wasted. Good results have flowed from lectures of this sort. We know some men-once Protestants-but now exemplary Catholics, who owe their conversion to a circumstance of this kind. Their curiosity became excited-they visited the Catholic Church-they consulted one of the priests-they procured Catholic books-they examined the Catholic doctrines most minutely, and found that the Church-the old and true Church established by our Divine Lord-had been grossly misrepresented. We hope the present course of lectures will set the good people of the Wellington Street Church thinking and examining for themselves. If it does, Mr. Savage's labors will not have been in vain.

ONE OF THE MEN OF '48. Speaking of the crisis which occur

ed on the imprisonment of O'Con

nell, and the stand which Smith O'Brien took on that occasion, Duffy's "Young Ireland" has the following, which we do not remember to have seen in print before, but which, in any case, we consider well worthy of reproduction. After speaking of the good sense, self-respect and confidence in ultimate suc cess which worked the public meetings, and of the tone of triumph. coupled with a threat of shutting up Conciliation Hall, and of prohibiting the collection of the Repeal rent in which the Union press indulged, the author says: This was a danger which O'Brien was peculiarly fit to encounter. He immediately announced that if such a step were of Cossacks, a bomb was thrown at taken, he would ask the Association the carriage, destroying the rear to place him in the chair, and he would try in his own person the lowed, and the Czar and a number legality of this aggression on the of his companions lay bruised and right of public meetings. He was not prepared to shed one drop of No cause, however, sacred, can Irish blood, but he was ready for his obligation is very characteristic of the man, Neither the perils of inhis cause could induce him to consider himself released from his obligation. It him to all the horrors of exile in to take a little claret for medicinal

A white-haired missionary,
A Zalu's thoughts to vary,
Gave him about a peck of tracts, remarking:
"'I's a benison!"
Then the Zalu turned around,
And replied, with looks profound;
"What think you of the latest work of Tennyson?"

what a man?

THE following circumstance is re

lated as having occurred in Phila-

lelphia a few weeks since. It ex-

hibits in a marked degree the lamentable ignorance displayed by a class of persons from whom we would naturally expect a tolerably correct acquaintarce with the fundamental doctrines of the Catholic Church. We fear there are in Canada also many persons occupying similar positions, whose ignorance is ill-befitting the age in which we live. For the most part these young men and women read little else save the sugar-lum works of fiction written by weak-minded people, and the atrocious mi-representations of the Catholic Church supplied by the diabolical class, which serve to fill the shelves of the average Sabbath School Library: Philadel phia, March 8 .- The board of public education has not had a livelier meeting for a long time than that which took place this afternoon. The cause of the agitation was a petition signed by twenty-two Catholic citi zens of the Nineteenth ward, whose children attend the Hunter grammar school for girls, at Dauphin and Mascher streets, of which Miss Annie Scull is principal, That lady is charged with having vilified and abused the religious creed and faith of the children. The petition alleges that she said to the children and pupils of the school that the "Catholic priests excommunicated people for not paying money or tithes, and carried the souls of the excommunicated persons to dwell among the demons of the lower regions for all eternity; that the priest cursed all parts of the bodies of such persons; she was sure that that was not the right spirit of Christ, and that it was enough to make one tremble to hear Catholic priests curse the souls of people." Miss Scull is also charged with saying "that the Pope of Rome sold indulgences, which remitted the punishment due all sins that had been committed, or that might be committed, and devoted the proceeds of such sale to building a cathedral; that when Luther left the Church of Rome it was so corrupt that Luther saw its corruption and left on that account, and that Miss Scull referred to the doctrine of confession and told two pupils that Catholics confessed to men, but that Protestants confessed only to God." There was great indignation among Catholics, and by Father Thomas Barry, of the Church of the Visitation. Miss Annie have been made, is a lady about 45 years of age. She says that while there was some truth in the allegations, she thought that they had been exaggerated. She is preparing

a statement.

A WORD OF CAUTION. WE HAVE frequently drawn attention to the urgent necessity of Catholic parents using every endeavor to guard their children against the contamination of the Boy's and Girl's story papers. Every week we are furnished with fresh evidence of have Home Rule. the terrible crimes committed by children who buy and read these papers. The mischief is not confined to the United States. Here in this very city of London this immoral reading matter is flaunted before the eyes of children on their way to school. The following extract taken from the annual report of the New York society for the Prevention of Vice reveals a state of affairs in our midst which calls for extraordinary vigilance. The report is supplemented by a statement of hundreds of serious crimes committed through the reading of the periodicals reterred to: "The Board are deeply impressed with the importance of guarding the youthful mind from the debasing influence of what is called Boy's Papers. Facts that have come to our knowledge force us to do all that lies within our power to check dreds of Catholic priests, and even Diemen's Land to Europe that he was this growing evil. We call special attention to a few illustrations of the influence of the "Boy's and Girl's" papers of to-day. We dwell upon this subject because of the little care paid to it by parent or teacher, and because of the demoralizing influence upon the young mind. These

papers are sold everywhere, and at a

A SCHOOL-MA'M'S IGNORANCE. reach of any child. They are stories of criminal life. The leading characters are youthful criminals, who revel in the haunts of iniquity. Many of these stories are written with a vein of licentiousness through out, debasing the mind of youth as totally as the baser sort of books and pictures. Read before the intellect is quickened or judgment matured sufficient to show the harm of dwelling on these things, they educate our youth in all the odious features of crime. These publications are the offspring of some of the weekly journals, that seem to run a muck rake through the haunts of sin, and from Police Court and slums of society gather weekly the sickening details of crime that never should be put before the eyes of adults, much less children. What is the result? The knife, the dagger and the bludgeon used in the sinks of iniquity, and by hardened criminals, are also tound in the schoolroom, the house and the playground of tender youth. Our court rooms are thronged with infant criminals-with baby felons."

'PROFESSOR" FRANKLIN-POET.

THE PROFESSOR called upon us "Do you want to buy original poetry," he asked, in a sweet, poetical tone of voice. "This is not a good time to sell," we informed him. "We pay a cent a pound for ordinary original poetry. Spring productions are worth only half-a-cent." He showed us some of his own manufacture, and remarked that he possessed a large quantity. We told him a paper mill was about to be established in the vicinity of London in a short time and gave him Mr. Wastie's street and number. He was about to deliver a course of lectures under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. He placed some tickets on our table. We left them there. He wanted to know the price of an advertisement in the RECORD. We replied that advertising in the RECORD would not do him any good, and we would not like to take money under false pretences. We see by the city papers that he did deliver a lecture before the ladies alluded to, and they are now sorry they made his acquaintance. Verily, these good people should be more choice in the selection of their lecturers. In another instance pre vious to this they displayed a lamentable want of good taste.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT.

THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT last year devoted \$100,000 to the relie? of the Irish people. A request was made that the amount should be spect in buying foo ' for the needy. My Lords and gentlemen of Downing street built harbors and piers and lighthouses, and drained waste lands for the benefit of the landlords with the money. Such a transaction as this in the ordinary course of busi ness would be a punishable offence and most people would term it ras cality. As the matter looks at pre sent, it furnishes another good rea son why the Irish people should

EDITORIAL NOTES.

MRS. PARNELL said at a Newport land league meeting that when she was in Ireland recently all her letters were opened at Dublin. She was warned by a friendly official to be cautious about what she wrote, as everything would be examined, and he took advantage of her knowledge of the espionage to give the government a piece of her mind in every epistle.

On SATURDAY last the Nun of Ken mare sent the following telegram to James Redpath, New York. It would be too small a matter to be noticed by the cable clique who are doing the dirty work for the Government in Dublin: "Same day Boyton was arrested I found a child three years old, unconscious from starvation, on the floor of our Infant School. Who will be arrested for this? Not the guilty party. Distress here serious. Will write full particulars.'

THE CABLE news from Ireland is every week betraying more and more the fact that it is supervised by Government officials. It has of late borne such a partisan aspect that most people will consider it very unretiable. It is time the associated

transmitted by honorable men who are above party prejudices, and who will not consent to transmit fabrications even at the behest of a government.

MR. GLADSTONE has declared he will introduce the Land Bill on the earliest possible opportunity. This is a very sofe pronouncement. It may mean in a few weeks, or a few months, or a few years. When it is presented and perhaps pass through the Commons we fear the noble lords will take the "earl est possible opportunity" to throw it out.

MR. MAURICE EGAN, of the N. Y. Free-nan's Journal, sends us the following gem:-THE OLD VIOLIN.

Though tuneless, stringless, it lies there in Like some great thought on a forgotten page.
The soul of music can not fade or rust—
The voice within it stronger grows with age:
The strings and bow are only trifling things—
A master-touch,—its great soul wakes and sings.

IT is reported the Boers will be offered almost complete indepen dence and virtually independent legislatures, a la Canada. Query: Why not offer Ireland the same ?- Adver

Well, simply because Ireland, you know, is quite convenient. The mother country can send her army across the channel in a few hours and settle matters quite satisfactorily to herself with bayonets and bullets. Distance makes it very convenient to be just, once in a while.

WE HOPE the Land League will rapidly extend their operations into England and Scotland. The pea antry of these two countries must be made fully aware of the grievous wrongs committed because of the placing in power the landed propritors. These men will legislate for their own profit only, utterly disregarding the rights of the mass of the people. The interests of the great majority of the people in the three kingdoms are identical. At the next general election we sincerely hope the people of Great Britain will play in power men who truly represent public sentiment.

O'SHEA, New York, has now in

press a choice volume of poems consting of selections from our modern American Catholic poets. It is the first of its kind, and we hope that the efforts of the c mpiler, Mr. George F. Phelan, who has given to it caretul research, will meet with a deserved welcome from our readers and the Catholic reading public at large. A single poem, in some instances work has been admitted, and noteworthy feature of the volume will be an Introductory by Dr. Martin Burke, of New York, well known in the world of letters. A limited edition only will be broug out, and advance orders from indivi duals or schools will be booked as received and filled accordingly. It will be gotten up in the best sayle, and sell for one dollar. A review of the work will be given in these col umns when it appears.

THE daily papers have gone crazy over the death of the Czar. This is the case in nearly every matter of great moment which transpires. It is surely enough to give the public full details of the occurrence, without boring us with the opinions expressed by every somebody and no-body in the universe. Even the communist grog sellers of New York are interviewed by the irrepressible short-hand men, and their opinions are taken down and published. The following is a sample:—"New York March 14 .- Justus Schwab, communist and beer-seller, when con vinced of the truth of the reported murder, uttered an emphatic "good." He said to those present, I have the pleasure to announce to you the death of the Emperor of Russia." We hope the reporter will now rest on their jaurels, after having given to the world the impressions of Mr. Schwab, communst and beer seller.

MR. REDPATH writes from Ireland to the Chicago Inter-Ocean: The history of Catholicity in Ireland has made the Catholics the most tolerant church of modern Europe, and if there is any more intolerant race than the Irish Orangemen and Pres byterians I never met it-outside of Scotland-which is as Spain. In Ireland it is the Protestants who passed and enforced penal laws against education, and it is the Catholic priests who are the zealons advocates of popular education. most Catholic counties send Protestants to Parliament, and even Protestant preachers; but not a single Protestant constituency in Ireland or Scotland or England has ever yet sent a Catholic to represent them in sent a Catholic to represent them in Parliament. The Catholic priests, Columbus since his consecration, amounts for the most part, are intensely na- to 2,011. Amony this number were 164 price that brings them within the press took steps to have the news tional in their feelings, and they are adults, and 63 converts.

persistent advocates of every national scheme for national advance ment.

THE Boston Traveller deals in the following pointed style with the readers of sensation stories:-It is all very well to talk of the duty of the parents "supervising the children's reading," but who shall supervise the parents? Plainly, the authorities in charge of the libraries. The circulation of trashy and immoral books must be restricted, if we are not to see within a short time the most frivolous and debasing influences freely at work in the great mass of society. Remove the temptation as you have removed the evils arising from its influence. When the better classes of thinking men and women are sufficiently awakened to their responsibility in the premises, and bring their influence to bear upon the management of our public libraries, the reform will be and radical. It is well to remembe that the evil is daily approaching the point where all restraining measures will be useless.

THOMAS CARLYLE has been vastly written about during the last fortnight, says the Philadelphia Standard, and written about with an extravagance of eulogy which has called forth a timely "Counterblast" from a correspondent of the Times, who maintains that the sage of Chelsea wrote in an execrably bad style, was inaccurate as a thinker, and had a false standard of morality. We are not inclined, as our readers are already aware, to quarrel seriously with this estimate. Nevertheless, while talking about "evolution," it may be worth while to quote Mr. Carlyle on the subject. Passing by the philosopher's perhaps hardly pertinent opinion that "this Darwin a good sort of man, but with very little intellect," we come to these weighty words: "So-called literary and scientific classes in England now proudly give themselves to protop asm, origin of species, and the like, to preve that God did not build the universe. The older I grow-and now I stand upon the brink of eternity-th- more comes back to me the sentence in the catechism, which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes: 'What is the great end of man? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.' No gospel of dirt, teaching that men have descended from flogs through monkeys, can ever set that aside.

"RARELY," says the Dublin Nation, has the hierarchy of Ireland done a nobler or more splendid service to the cause of their country than in sending to Pope Leo the letter which appears in another column. In a time when every influence is being sought by the English Governmen to be used against the Irish people in the struggle they are making to break down an infamous system of land tenure, such a pronouncement. so uncompromising in its tone, will bring joy and comfort to the Irish heart. It will encourage the national forces to persevere in this great contest with the landlord power of England and Ireland, for they know now that, whoever may falter on the way or shrink from the combat, the Archbishop- and Bishops are with the people of Ireland, and against the tyranny and oppression of their English rulers. The prayer 'that God may bless this great struggle and bring it to a happy issue will be echoed in many a land to-day as the children of the Irish race read the cheering words that have been sent from the conference room of Maynooth to the throne of the Vatican." "The men of the Land League will have to look to their laurels," thinks the same journal. "The women of Ireland are showing every day that the spirit that saved the walls of Limerick of old is far from being dead. The Ladies' Land League is spreading in all directions through the island, and short time we fully expect to see a Branch ostablished in every Irish parish, and in every great commercial centre of England and Scotland where Irishmen and Irishwomen have fixed their home. If any impetus were needed to urge on this good work, the women of Ireland would find it in the stirring words of Miss Anna Parnell spoken at Claremorris on Sunday. Wherever Irish blood flows in Irish veins the courageous, ringing sentences of the brave sister of the chivalrous Irish leader will be read with pride, and we have no hesitation in that the women of Ireland will at once range themselves by the side of Miss Parnell and help onward the grand movement in which she is playing so noble and important a

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