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decisive majorities. In Connecticut and New Jersey the voting was, as usual, close, with a majority in the former for the republicans and in the latter for the democrats.

The republicans have, on the whole, reason to feel satisfied with the result of the elections, which places in greater doubt than ever the next Presidential contest.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OATH.

A friend calls our attention to a late article in the Quebec Telegraph, published in that journal's issue of the 3rd inst. The Telegraph refers to the oath taken by Governors General of Canada, and by the Lieutenant Governors of Provinces on their accession to office.

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organize and go to the ballot-box like the Orangemen of Canada."

Mr. White had to go a long way to say something very disagreeable, even if it be silly, of Mr. Curran, when he endeavored to connect him in some remote way with the murder of Cavendish and Burke. The Land League, as Mr. John White knows very well, but is not honest enough to avow, had nothing directly or indirectly to do with the Phoenix Park murders, and as a matter of fact no man in Canada more heartily deplored the foul deed than Mr. J. J. Curran.

Mr. White would not dare in the House of Commons make the statements in regard of Mr. Curran which he uttered before the Brockville brethren. Like others of his ilk and color he is brave at a safe distance from his foe, but truculent and cowardly in his presence.

White's declarations of his future purpose should be taken at their worth, which is, well, just nothing. A more abject and soulless partisan the present parliament does not contain than this same John White. As to his threat of eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth, our friends will place it in the same category as Tom Robinson's "Woe to Montreal" howl of a few years ago, of which we heard the last when Mayor Beaudry applied a little law and order to the brethren.

MR. A. M. SULLIVAN ON IRISH PROSPERITY.

A very largely-attended meeting of the League of the Cross was held in the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Monday evening.

The chair was occupied by Mr. A. M. Sullivan, and among those surrounding him on the platform were the Rev. Father Keenan, the Rev. Father Kearney, the Rev. F. Gaughan, O. M. L.; the Rev. J. Noonan, the Rev. F. Padbury and the Rev. F. Fitzpatrick. "Major" Pearce attended with a numerous brigade of the Cardinal's Guards, whose bright sashes and caps, scattered over the hall, gave a very animated appearance to the gathering.

Shortly after eight o'clock Mr. A. M. Sullivan made his appearance on the platform, accompanied by several priests. On rising to address the meeting, Mr. Sullivan was greeted with the most enthusiastic cheers, the whole audience rising and waving hats and handkerchiefs.

The hon. and learned gentleman said: I regard those cheers and this warm reception extended by you to the Chairman as intended not for the humble individual who must occupy it as a substitute to-night, but rather for that illustrious and affectionately revered Prince of the Church who was to have presided here to-night. My thoughts and your thoughts, our first thoughts to-night on finding ourselves here, follow him across the seas as our affections and prayers will attend him on every weary foot of the way to the tombs of the apostles; and from the tens of thousands of his loving and faithful flock, as children round the mother's knee, at eve and morning, will ascend the prayer that God may companion him on the way and safely restore him to us once more (great cheering). There is not a day of my life that I do not, as an Irishman, feel more and more deeply the debt of gratitude that I owe, and that we all owe, to that revered man, far advanced in the evening of life, who so often robs himself of a needed rest in order that he may give, in the midst of a busy and anxious life, more of his toil to this great movement—a movement, which right well the Cardinal knows, is a movement more destined to benefit those of his flock who are of the Irish race than any other portion of the Catholic body in the empire. It is many years now since I remember reading of that illustrious prelate that, at a meeting attended by some of the wealthy and those high in social standing here in England—who, to their honour be it told, if God has given them largely, have been generous and munificent to God's poor and the honor of His temple—I remember the Cardinal declaring there face to face with many who were the coronet, that it was THE POOR IRISH EMIGRANTS IN ENGLAND THAT WERE

building up the Catholic Church. Labouring to that end, toiling to that purpose, he was confronted with this one striking and indubitable fact—that there are enough of Catholic Irishmen in England to almost direct the public life of this country, if they would but reserve their hard-earned wages on the Saturday night, from building up corner-houses for the publican, and instead, building up schools for the little children that to-day are running about the street (hear, hear). Thus the Cardinal was brought to see that he who would befriend faith in this country—as and other laymen of the Irish nation have been brought to see, that whoever would serve Ireland—must take off his coat and tackle the struggle with this drink question. Why is it that this question so largely concerns us? Do Irishmen drink more than other people? No, they do not (hear, hear). I have spent many years of my life studying this question, and I find the Celtic temperament is more injured by alcohol than the dull and plodding Teutonic race may be. I have seen men steadily ballasted, with other national characteristics, go quietly home, where the mercurial Irishman insists on letting the parish know he has had too much. That is what I mean, and no reflection on another's nationality, when I say the Celtic race in drink worse than any other race in the world. It disfigures us more, it harms us more. The evils of drunkenness are so wide, the phases so various, that I rejoice to behold, and I bless any and every effort in this direction or that, which goes to make war on the vice of drunkenness. To the best of my power, I give my sympathy, praise and co-operation to every man, to every move-

ment and to every section of individuals, watching the ardour and enthusiasm of those noble young men who form the Guards of the League in London, and I have the assurance that if God will but spare me a few years more I shall see in an educated, faith-loving, and a practical, faithful Catholic people, the heaven that will lighten the whole, and cause the Irish name and the Catholic faith to be loved and honored once more in prosperous London (cheers).—London Universe.

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For the people of that settlement the day was one of festive celebration, and they made every effort to honour it in a befitting manner. Hand-some and artistic arches were erected at the entrance to the harbor, and at other places leading to the site of the new church. House-top vantage ground displayed appropriate flags, whilst a triumphal arch of bunting marked the spot where the Church of St. Michael is to be raised. At 12 o'clock, the hour set apart for the ceremony, the Bishop, attended by several of his clergy, arrived. He was met by a large contingent of the Torbay Total Abstinence and Benefit Society, which, preceded by their Band, accompanied him to the spot where the first stone was to be laid. His Lordship was assisted by the Very Revs. W. Forristal and J. Ryan as Deacon and sub-Deacon; the Rev. M. J. Clarke, M. A. Fitzgerald, M. A. Clancy, and M. F. Howley, D. D., being also in attendance. A case containing current coins, medals, copies of the Newfoundland Advocate, and Mercury, with the subjoined inscription, was deposited in the stone.

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The Church will be of Gothic design, its dimensions being sixty feet in length and thirty-five in width. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Bishop addressed the large assembly, and in his own eloquent and felicitous terms congratulated them on the event of that day. "The mariner," he said, "is exposed to many and unforeseen dangers; in his hour of trouble and anxiety he ever looks towards the land for his beacon of deliverance. This Church of St. Michael, standing upon this noble site, and overlooking the broad Atlantic, shall be the source of untold blessings to you all. Here will your Treasure abide, and as of old, His unflinching word will still the tempest, and bring calm to the troubled waters. In another district of this parish you have already completed a beautiful Church in honour of St. Joseph. Their united intercession—Sts. Michael and Joseph, will be for you messenger of great joy and happiness, and will shield and protect you against the many dangers that surround your days." Further, His Lordship promised that he would carefully watch the progress of this Church of St. Michael, until in all its completeness it would be dedicated to the honour and glory of Almighty God, and thus be a standing memorial of the faith and piety of the good people of Flat Rock.

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CATHOLIC NOTES.

Father Tom Burke's successor in Tal-laght Convent is the Very Rev. Father Flood, O. P., who was hitherto prior of the Dominican Church in Newry.

Mr. Charles Thibault gave a "conference" on the subject of his late travels in Kansas, before the Circle Catholique, at Quebec.

The Rev. Father McCarthy was to leave for Emerson on the 4th inst., and would then visit the Indians of the Riviere-aux-Roseaux reserve.

Right Rev. Dr. Carberry was consecrated Bishop of Hamilton, by Cardinal Howard, assisted by the Bishop of Kingston and others, at Rome, on the 11th.

The Rev. Father Maisonneuve, O. M. L., was at latest accounts, lying seriously ill, in the archiepiscopal palace, at St. Boniface.

Rev. Brother Athanasius, Provincial of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, has returned to Arthabaskaville, Que., from France, bringing with him five brothers for the college at that place.

The Reverend Father Mosiau has been appointed assistant-chaplain to the Ursuline Ladies of Quebec, in place of Rev. Father Beaudet, and will reside at the presbytery of Notre Dame.

His Excellency the Commissary-Apostolic celebrated the Pontifical High Mass on All Souls' day, in St. Patrick's church, Quebec. In the Basilica, High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Simaud. His Grace the Archbishop preached an appropriate sermon.

The Reverend P. O. Drolet was presented with an address in French and English, accompanied by a purse of seventy-five dollars, on the occasion of his leaving the parish of St. Felix of Cape Rouge, near Quebec.

The new church of St. John the Baptist, Quebec city, which is being built to replace the edifice destroyed by the great fire a couple of years ago, is rapidly approaching completion. The cross was placed on the spire on the 8th inst.

The Apostolic Commissary gave an audience to the Quebec section of the ex-Pontifical Zouaves, on the 9th inst., at the St. Patrick's presbytery, Quebec, where, as already stated His Excellency has taken up his residence during his stay in that city.

The Rev. F. Soulier, Visitor of the Oblate Fathers, has returned from Lake La Biche to St. Albert. He is to remain at the latter mission till the middle of November, when he is to go to Calgary to the mission of the Black Feet Indians; he will then return to the archdiocese of St. Boniface.

The Redemptorist Fathers closed their mission at Fairville on Friday night, and the rev. gentlemen, with the exception of Father Burke, have left for Halifax on their way to Newfoundland. Father Burke, who is in ill-health, leaves for Quebec to-day.—St. John's, N. B., Sun, 5th Nov.

Madame Dumas Sevigne, who was born in the United States of American parents, was baptised and made her first Communion on All Saints' day in the parish church of St. Fortunat, Co. Wolfe, Province of Quebec, by the Rev. Father St. Joseph Plante, Curé, and Madame Luc Gosselin.

A pious and vital, a beautiful custom prevails in the country parishes in the essentially Catholic Province of Quebec. During the octave succeeding All Souls' day the farmers offer a certain portion of the produce of their farms for sale by auction at the door of the parish church, and the proceeds are devoted to the celebration of masses for the souls in Purgatory. A beautiful and a pious custom indeed.

The benediction of a chime of three bells for the parish church of St. Wenceslas, diocese of Three Rivers, was performed by Rev. Father Potier, of Warwick, who also preached the sermon on the 23rd ult. There was a very large attendance of the clergy and also of the laity. The collection amounted to three hundred dollars. After the ceremony the clergy and the sponsors were entertained at dinner by the Rev. Father Lessard, Curé.

A correspondent writing from the parish of St. Gilles, Megantic, P. Q., writes to the effect that a farmer there has dug a half-bushel of potatoes from the sowing of a single potato, and adds that the crop in that part of the country has been an abundant one. He states also that the parish is a remarkable one for the number of very old people who reside there, in fact, one old man who, although over ninety years of age, goes regularly on Sundays and holy days to mass for a distance of over two miles. The parish also rejoices in the possession of a boy of eight years of age who weighs over a hundred pounds.

The death is announced of the Rev. Father Sauvageau, of Levis, P. Q., College. His funeral and interment took place on the 5th inst., and was attended by his Grace the Archbishop, who celebrated a High Mass de requiem and delivered a touching allocution before giving the final absolution. About fifty other clergymen were present and also an immense concourse of the laity. The church was heavily draped in mourning, and Peralut's mass, harmonized, was sung by the pupils of the college.

Mr. Dennis Corcoran, a well-known resident of Hamilton, has just received intelligence of the death of his nephew, Mr. Daniel Corcoran, at Blackrock, near Cork, Ireland. The deceased was a promising young man, an ecclesiastical student, and was almost on the eve of being ordained. At the time Mr. Corcoran received the sorrowful news he had been expecting the arrival of the young man in person as an ordained priest, in accordance with a wish frequently expressed by both. It is altogether a sad affair, and Mr. Corcoran, who has been a respected citizen of Hamilton for over forty years, will certainly have many sympathizers.

The Quebec correspondent of the Ottawa Le Canada says that it is said to be the intention of the Commissary-Apostolic to convene a meeting of all the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Quebec in the latter city before entering upon the hearing of the Laval University and School of Medicine disputes. The same correspondent says: On the subject of the imposing ceremonies which took place at the Basilica on the arrival of

the Commissary-Apostolic, and on the festival of All Saints (when His Excellency pontificated) the almost complete silence of the Quebec Chronicle is remarked by those who were in the habit of reading the well-prepared and fully detailed reports of these ceremonies which used to appear in that paper. It is easy to see on reading its news columns that the news-reporter is more imbued with Masonic than Catholic tendencies.

One of the most magnificent benefactors of the English speaking Passonists in Paris is Mrs. Mackay, the wife of the California millionaire. "Her generosity and anonymous charity," said the Rev. Father Isidore, the rector, "will never be known this side of the grave. Our work is a strange one. We have occasional worshippers like the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Marquis of Bute, General Charette, whose wife is an American, and many other rich and fashionable Catholics. But we have also starting coachmen, young men seeking work in this gay capital, and not finding it, and the saddest case of all—young women to whom the temptations of Paris are a constant and appalling danger. In all these emergencies we have been able to render signal help, thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Mackay."

The net result of the annual bazaar in aid of St. Bridget's Asylum, Quebec, just closed, was four thousand four hundred and thirty-four dollars, all expenses paid, and of this amount eleven hundred and seventy dollars were realized at Mrs. Henchey's table alone. This result would under any circumstances be highly pleasing, but it is more than ordinarily so in face of the decrease which is unfortunately annually taking place amongst the Irish Catholics of that city by emigration. No less than fifty or sixty Irish Catholic families left the city for the States and elsewhere during last year; and it is anticipated that the decrease from the same cause will be correspondingly great during the present year. The bazaar of last year realized a trifle over five thousand dollars.

There has recently been established in the city of Rome an association under the title: "The Adoration and Reparation of Catholic Nations." It is an association of prayer to make amends and expiation for the sacrilegious attempts which every day afflict the hearts of Catholics. The faithful of all nations can form part of this pious association by adoring Christ in the Sacrament of love for half an hour in each week. A special day is assigned to the different nations, Ireland, Poland and Greece; Monday for Austria, Hungary and Greece; Tuesday for Italy; Wednesday for Portugal and North America; Thursday for France and South America; Friday for Switzerland and all the Catholic missionary countries, and Saturday for Spain, Belgium and Holland.

Scarcely has, by order of His Holiness, been issued by the Cardinal Vicar La Valletta, in which the association and its work are recommended to Catholics.

One of the most notable adherents of the schism in Geneva, the Rev. Victor Marchal, has happily returned into the bosom of the Catholic Church. Before receiving absolution from the Holy See, he drew up and signed the following retraction, with which the Holy Office, through the Congregation of the Holy Office, declared itself satisfied:

"Enlightened by a sad experience, and touched by grace after a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes; desiring also to give complete satisfaction to the Holy Catholic Church, my mother, and my father, I have, through the Congregation of the Holy Office, declared myself satisfied:

"I am extremely sorry for having taken an active part in the schism which still afflicts Switzerland, and for having exercised, in what is called the liberal Catholicism, functions that I had no right to exercise; namely, the offices of priest and pastor.

"I adhere in all simplicity of mind and heart to the dogma of Papal Infallibility as it has been defined by the Council of the Vatican.

"I condemn in particular the pamphlet printed and published by me under the title 'L'Esprit consolateur, and I repudiate with all my soul whatever I have said or written contrary to the doctrines of the Catholic Church, in whose bosom I hope, by the grace of God, to find my life."

"V. MARCHAL, Priest."

The Quebec Chronicle of the 5th inst. says: "A friend of the Journal Mary Convent of Silvery has requested us to give the following details of the visit there of Mr. Smeulders on Wednesday last. The occasion was marked by the hoisting of flags and other signs of rejoicing. The Apostolic Commissary was attended by Rev. Fathers DeBie and Daide. Rev. Mr. Drolet, Curé of St. Columba, assisted, and his vicar, Rev. Mr. O'Leary, assisted the Chaplain and the convent welcomed the visitors. After Mass, His Excellency addressed the members of the community, both professed and novices, in the large parlor, speaking to them words of encouragement for the laborious task to which they were then received selves. The visitors were then received in the large hall by all the boarders, and a brilliant opening address was played by Misses Carignan, McDonald, Routhier and Girouard. An address was read by Miss Lepage, and singing followed. Mgr. Smeulders appeared to be very favorably impressed with his visit and made a most touching and paternal address to the young people before him. It was 10.30 a.m., when His Excellency left the scene, after obtaining a holiday for the pupils of the establishment."

"The Roman Catholic Church having consecrated this month to the commemoration of the faithful dead, public prayers are said every night during the month for deceased Catholics in St. Roch's Church, and every Friday the ceremony known as le chemin de la croix is performed. A very beautiful collection has also prevailed for some years back in the ancient capital. During the entire month of November, at eight o'clock each evening, forty strokes are given on the great bell of the Basilica to remind Catholics of their duty to the faithful departed.

FINE ARTS.—All kinds of art materials for oil and water color painting and crayon work, wholesale and retail, cheap at CHAS. CHAPMAN'S, 91 Dundas St., London.