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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Register of the Week.

On Monday night was witnessed one of those disgraceful exhibitions which a certain element in Toronto glory in. This was the effort made by P.P.A. members to break up the Liberal meeting held in the Massey Hall. Some of the leaders of the disturbance are men in prominent positions in the employ of the City. There were over 4,000 people in the hall, and for two hours the disorderly group in the upper gallery and a number of their friends and sympathizers on the ground floor made themselves so obnoxious that when the Hon. S. H. Blake attempted to speak, it was necessary to call in a posse of police to eject them. These are the men who cry "equal rights for all" and this was an exhibition of "equal rights" the other evening, and these also are the men, who wish to put down the Separate Schools and make Catholics think and do as the P.P.A. think proper. Mr. Blake at last got a hearing, but not until the police had cleared the upper gallery. A gentleman was heard to remark the next day, that he had often been at Socialist meetings on the Continent of Europe, but never at one of them had he seen or heard such an element as disturbed the meeting the other evening.

Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., in the course of his speech said: "What is the result of the organization of such a body of Equal Rights or such a body as the P.P.A.? It simply consolidates—and naturally consolidates—the Roman Catholic vote. Why do I come out here against my friend Mr. Meredith whom to know is to love? I am out to-night because I detest every thing that tends towards religious strife. I want to tell you of a little matter that came to me last week. I shipped upon the good vessel *Alberta* last week on her voyage from Owen Sound to Fort William. I saw the old captain there, I saw the old officers there, and I felt that, come fog or storm, I was safe, and I dozed upon the deck in the afternoon, and something like a vision came over me and I looked up at the bridge, and there was my friend, W. R. Meredith, Captain. There he was in command of the ship, and I said, 'Meredith, how did you get here?' 'Well,' he said, 'the company put me here as Captain, and I am going to try and run the ship.' 'Well,' I said, 'have you any officers?' 'No,' he says, 'none to speak of.' And I asked what about the crew. 'Well,' he says, 'I have got a thundering big crew of black Protestants in the hold.'"

The dregs have come to the surface, and it is: **Library of Parliament** to the citizen. way will be governed by a rabble element or not.

The visit of the Governor-General last week will be long remembered in the Educational and Musical circles of Toronto. The annual Commencement of Toronto University took place last Thursday afternoon in the Pavilion, and was of unusual interest owing to the conferring of Honorary degrees upon his Excellency, upon the Lieutenant-Governor, the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, Vice-Chancellor Mulock, President Loudon and Dr. Patton of Princeton University, N.J. His Excellency was presented for the degree of L.L.D. by Chancellor Boyd, who in a short but well worded speech said: "He was glad the University was about to honor a man whom the Queen had twice honored." The Chancellor paid an eloquent tribute to the Governor-General's personal attainments. After receiving the hood of Doctor of Laws, his Excellency signed his name on the roll and addressed the Convocation. He said: "The distinction which I have now received is, one which will always be valued and highly prized, not only because of its source and character; but because of the circumstances in which it has been conferred. I thank you for the compliment—I thank you for the manner in which it has been conveyed." His Excellency concluded by expressing his hearty good wishes for the success of the University, and for the success of the young people who were that day to receive the badge and token of their *Alma Mater*.

Mr. Justice MacLennan then presented the Lieutenant-Governor, who is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, for the degree of L.L.D. Mr. Kirkpatrick made a happy and well timed speech, at the conclusion of which the students sang "He's a jolly good fellow." Rev. Dr. Dewart, in a short but strong speech, presented the Hon. G. W. Ross, for his degree. Rev. Father Tesfy, in presenting Vice-Chancellor Mulock for the honorary degree of L.L.D., said: "If there was one thing about the proceedings to-day that was to be regretted, it was that they were not taking place in the University building, but this he hoped would not always be so. The Senate had done well in conferring the Master's degree upon Lord Aberdeen and the Lieutenant-Governor. By so doing it had paid a tribute to authority and to learning. But two distinguished sons of their *alma mater* were also to be robed that day with the Master's gown, and the first of these, Mr. William Mulock, he had the honor to present. Father Tesfy then described the present perfect freedom and equality prevailing in the University, largely due to the energy, devotion and policy that Mr. Mulock had carried out as Vice-Chancellor. The Rev. Father concluded by saying: "To others will

devolve the high trust of fulfilling Mr. Mulock's plans, and it was to be hoped that they would regard it as their most sacred duty to carry out these plans in the spirit of the Vice-Chancellor, who, in his administration, had taught the law of general tolerance." The Vice-Chancellor expressed in his usual modest manner, his utter unworthiness to the honor conferred on him and said: "It was the general wish that this University shall stand invitingly open to the whole youth of our country, without regard to class, creed or other distinctions."

A large number of students received their degrees, and among them were noticed several young ladies who shared the honors with the men in a most creditable manner.

On Thursday evening Lord Aberdeen attended the opening of the Massey Music Hall. This magnificent gift of Mr. H. A. Massey to the city of Toronto was inaugurated with a grand production of "The Messiah." After the first part of the Oratorio the audience was called to order and the interesting ceremony of the formal delivery of the Key and trust deed of the building to the trustees by Mr. Massey.

James Corkery calling himself ex-monk and anti-Romanist was tried at the General Sessions in Hamilton last week, for the assault in St. Mary's Cathedral a few weeks ago on Mgr. McEvay, while the latter was giving the Blessed Sacrament to the communicants at the nine o'clock Mass. He was sentenced by Judge Muir to one year's hard labor in the Central prison. The judge said, he was unable to decide whether the man was a crank, a knave, or a fool. When Corkery was told he might address the jury, if he had no more evidence to put in, he began, immediately to argue with the court in a most blasphemous manner, and had to be silenced by a constable. A large crowd was present to hear the trial. After Corkery was handcuffed to another prisoner and removed, a woman named Secord, who has been writing the papers in his behalf, discussed the case to a small number of people in the court house square.

Rev. Patrick F. Brannan, pastor of the church of Weatherford in the diocese of Dallas, Texas, was at one time Mayor of that town. Being a lawyer of some standing, he practised his profession in Weatherford, and was elected Mayor for several terms. His wife, who was a convert to Catholicity, died. He gave up his law practice and entered as a student of theology. Father Brannan is now the parish priest of the city of which he was Mayor some years ago. He has one son who is a business man in Weatherford, and a daughter attending a convent school near Baltimore, Md. He has written several poems, which have been published by many of the American papers.

Ten British soldiers have died of the plague which is raging at Hong Kong, among whom was a Capt. Vesey, of the King's Light Infantry

Regiment. Thousands of people have fled to the highlands of the interior to escape its dreadful ravages.

The official estimates of the loss of life caused by the explosion of fire damp in the coal mines at Karwin, Austrian Silesia are 231 miners missing, and only twenty bodies recovered. One hundred of these poor men were married and leave 400 children. A despatch says the explosion was due to dynamite blasting by one of the miners. It is strictly against the rules to use this mode of blasting, but it is often done by miners to save work and time.

J. R. Hooper, who last Autumn got free from the charge of wife-murder, was last Monday, at Three Rivers, Que. convicted to 25 years in the penitentiary of St. Vincent de Paul, by Judge Bourgeois on the charge of attempted murder of his wife. When the prisoner was asked, if he had anything to say in justification of himself, he began by asking for a new trial and addressed the Court for at least three hours. At the conclusion of his address he quoted a verse of poetry.

Inspector O'Leary of the Dominion police force, has been up in Maniwauki prosecuting many of the hotel-keepers, who have been selling liquor to the Indians. The guilty parties were fined \$50 and costs.

A petition is going the rounds of Staten Island in behalf of Erastus Wiman, who was found guilty last week on the charge of forging the name of Dun & Co. It is thought the petition will contain several thousand names, when Wiman will come before the bar for sentence.

The centenary of Pius IX. was celebrated at the Basilica of San Lorenza with great solemnity on the 21st ult. The following is a translation of the inscription over the door of the church: "Charitable Catholics, here, where among the ashes of his people, he wished his own to be laid to rest, implore a heavenly reward for the soul of the great Pontiff Pius IX., and fulfil the desire of all Christianity, which has wished that his lowly tomb should be enriched by the treasures of art." Before 8 a.m., the Basilica was crowded, among whom were pilgrims from all parts of the world to do honour to the memory of the late Pontiff. At 10 a.m., the Solemn Requiem was exquisitely sung by the Papal Cantors.

The Holy Father received in audience a number of persons who had come to do homage to the memory of Pius IX., and replied in a most feeling and pathetic manner to their address. In the course of the Holy Father's reply he said: "Of ourselves, beloved sons, we wish to say no more than is enough to convey to you the joy that is caused Us by your demonstration, and to direct all your applause to the one name of Pius IX., to whom we, too, wish to render a merited tribute."