

ECCLESIASTICAL.—In compliance with the request of the United Episcopate of Canada, at the last Provincial Council held at Quebec in 1854, the Sovereign Pontiff has been pleased to decree the erection of two new dioceses in the diocese of Toronto. The Bulls by which His Holiness declares his intentions have lately arrived; and we learn that the Rev. M. Pinoneault of Montreal is therein named to the See of London; and the Reverend Mr. Farrell of Kingston to that of Hamilton.

The consecration of the newly appointed Prelate will take place during the course of the present month. On Sunday the 11th inst., the Bishop of Hamilton will be consecrated at Kingston; and on Trinity Sunday, 18th inst., the Rev. M. Pinoneault will be consecrated Bishop of London at Montreal. In consequence, we may expect in a few days the arrival in town of several of the Prelates of Canada; amongst others of His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, who, we also understand, intends shortly to start for Europe.

These two newly erected dioceses, as we said above, have hitherto formed part of the large diocese of Toronto. The diocese of London will comprise the nine counties forming the peninsula between Lakes Huron and Erie, and contains a large French Canadian population. The diocese of Hamilton immediately adjoins that of London to the eastward, and extends away to the northward by the shores of Georgian Bay.

These new arrangements are destined to produce great spiritual advantages to the Catholics of Upper Canada; who for their parts will, we are sure, duly appreciate the paternal interest with which the successor of St. Peter watches over the flock committed to him by Our Lord Himself.

On Tuesday last the Rev. Father McCullagh started for Boston on his return to his native land, carrying with him the best wishes, and affectionate remembrances of his fellow countrymen in Montreal. It having been determined to give the reverend gentleman some substantial token of the regard which is so generally felt for him, a number of the members of St. Patrick's Congregation waited upon him in the St. Patrick's House, on Sunday last after High Mass, to beg his acceptance of a silver snuff box, as a parting gift from his numerous friends. The reverend gentleman replied in an eloquent and touching address.

Letters have been received in town by the *Perse* announcing the arrival at Liverpool of the Rev. Mr. Paré of the Evêché of Montreal, who started a few weeks ago, to join His Lordship the Bishop of this diocese at Paris. We hope that ere long we may have the pleasure of announcing the speedy return of our beloved Pastor to his native Canada.

Were any defence for the action taken by the friends of the Buffalo Colonization movement needed, we should find it in a Protestant document reproduced by the *American Celt* of the 26th ult., and entitled "The Third Annual Report of the Children's Aid Society." In the words of our cotemporary this "Report" is the account "of the success of proselytizers who have leagued together to kidnap the poor Catholic children, who float about in the thick currents of city life without guide or guardian; and is in reality a log book of lost souls, containing a statement of the expenses of their shipwreck, and the fees paid the pilot, the crew and the sailors."

That few, if any, of the second generation of Irish Catholic immigrants in the United States grow up in the faith of their ancestors—that for the most part the descendants of Catholic parents in the United States are infidels or Protestants, is a melancholy fact—but a fact which there is no gainsaying. A pitiful two and a half millions, out of a population of about twenty five millions, is all that the Church can claim as her own in the United States at the present day. In the document before us we are permitted to trace the process, or rather, one of the many processes, by which this wholesale apostasy has been effected.

The secret is very simple. Our enemies get hold of the little children whose parents are poor, and whose helpless poverty compels them still to linger about the fetid dens of New York, Boston, and the large cities on the eastern seaboard. The children thus caught, are from their earliest years taught to hate and despise the religion of their fathers, as a disreputable kind of religion; a poor man's religion; a religion unfitted for respectable persons and native born Americans, Sunday Schools, for the very young—Common Schools for those more advanced in age—grocery shops, cheap theatres and brothels for the adults—complete the work commenced by the "Children's Aid Society." The second generation of Irish, German and Italian Catholics in the United States, as might have been expected from such a course of training, grow up for the most part Non-Catholics or Protestants.

To check this devil's work, is the great object proposed by the Buffalo Convention. Colonisation is the means—not the end—by which it is hoped this object may be most effectually accomplished. Its promoters seek, not to entice adopted citizens from the States, but to persuade Catholics to leave the haunts of vice, wherein they are exposed to so many anti-Catholic influences, and to settle themselves on the waste lands of this vast Continent; in the United States, in Canada, or wherever they can obtain land, and create for themselves and children an independent home. We may be told that this scheme is visionary, impracticable; but surely it is one which no good Catholic should condemn until it has had a fair trial; for it is a scheme which has for its object only the advancement of our holy religion, and the greater honor and glory to God.

THE COLONIZATION MEETING.—The time of this meeting, on Tuesday Evening last, the 29 inst., having been entirely occupied in taking the names, and subscriptions of members, and in other preliminary matters, the organization of the contemplated colonisation society has been further deferred until next Tuesday Evening, the 6th of May.

P. E. McKEON,
Secretary, pro tem.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

Sir,—Pursuant to adjournment of the 15th instant, a meeting of the Irish parishioners of St. Columba of Sillery, was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., for the purpose of appointing a Committee of Directors, and furthering the objects of the Irish Colonization Society established here. The Rev. P. H. Harkin, Honorary President, in the chair. The following gentlemen, after having been severally proposed and seconded, were unanimously appointed a Committee:—Messrs. James Donovan, James Burns, John McMahon, James McInelly, James Finigan, Sen., Thomas Egan, Maurice Malone, William French, Sen., John O'Sullivan, John Kelly, Charles Timmony and John Cooligan.

The following resolutions were then proposed and unanimously carried:—

Moved by Mr. D. Bogue, seconded by Mr. James Connolly:—

"That a meeting take place on the first Monday of January, each year, for the purpose of electing a Committee and Office-Bearers."

On suggestion from the chair, it was moved by J. Fitzpatrick, Esq., seconded by Mr. D. Bogue;

"That this meeting invite the co-operation and aid of the Irish Catholics of the adjacent parishes of St. Foy and St. Romuald; and that letters be addressed by the Secretary to some of the influential persons of said parishes, requesting their exertion in carrying out the objects of this Society."

Moved by Mr. William Power, seconded by Mr. James McGoy:

"That a unanimous vote of thanks be tendered to the Quebec Colonist, Montreal True Witness, Toronto Catholic Citizen, and American Celt, for their prompt attention in publishing our proceedings, and their untiring advocacy in the cause of Colonization and the Irish emigrant."

Moved by J. O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Thomas Egan:

"That a report of the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Quebec Colonist and Montreal True Witness."

After some concluding remarks from the Chairman, on the duty of members, the organization of the Society, &c., it was moved by Mr. James Flanagan, seconded by Mr. James Finigan, Sen.:

"That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Rev. Mr. Harkin, for his efficient and dignified conduct in the Chair."

A great number of additional members then gave in their names and the meeting separated.

ANDREW DOUGLAS, Secy.

Sillery, Quebec, April 23rd 1856.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

St. Thomas, C.W., April 21st, 1856.

A public meeting of the Catholic inhabitants of the Town of St. Thomas, and Co. of Elgin, was held in the Catholic Church in the Town of St. Thomas, on Sunday, the 20th instant immediately after Divine Service. The attendance was both numerous and respectable. The Rev. J. D. Ryan explained in a lucid manner the objects of the meeting, and by general desire assumed the chair. He stated that he was anxious the questions lately brought before the public by the Catholic Convention, held at Buffalo, in respect to the Colonization of Catholics, should receive the due consideration of his people; and with that view he had convened this meeting. Mr. Charles Ryan was requested to act as Secretary pro tem.

The Rev. Chairman then called upon the Delegates to explain the views and actions of the Buffalo Convention. Messrs. Bobier and Murtagh came forward and gave very satisfactory explanations at considerable length.

It was then unanimously resolved,

"That this meeting cordially approves of the objects contemplated by the Catholic Convention, held at Buffalo; and will, to the best of their ability, endeavor to forward the views of the same, as recommended in the Report of their proceedings."

The Rev. Mr. Ryan was then unanimously elected as President of the Colonization Society. H. Cassidy, Esq., was appointed Secretary of the same; and Patrick Burns, Esq., J.P., chosen Treasurer.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to Messrs. Bobier and Murtagh for their disinterested services as Delegates to the Buffalo Convention.

It was next resolved—That a Committee of nine be appointed to carry out the objects of the Society, in conjunction with the Officers previously elected.

The following are the names of the Committee selected: Messrs. Thomas Moore, Cornelius Rogan, James Briody, Michael Walshe, James Brady, John McCabill, Thomas Kelly, James Casey and Patrick Burke, with power to add to their number.

It was then resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be sent for publication to the *True Witness*, *Catholic Citizen* and *Mirror*, Toronto; *Tribune*, Ottawa City; and *American Celt*, New York.

J. D. RYAN, Chairman.

Charles Ryan, Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Murtagh, seconded by Mr. Edward Walshe—the Rev. Mr. Ryan was moved from the Chair, and Patrick Bobier, Esq., J.P., was called thereto.

It was then unanimously resolved, upon motion of Mr. Michael Walshe, seconded by H. Cassidy, Esq.:—

"That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the Chairman for his dignified conduct, and to the Secretary for the valuable services rendered by him."

The meeting then adjourned until some definite instructions be received from the Supreme Directory of Canada.

PATRICK BOBIER, Chairman.

Chas. Ryan, Secretary.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

Dundas, April 20th, 1856.

Sir—A meeting of the Catholics of Dundas, C.W., was held in the church on Sunday the 20th inst., at 4 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing proper officers to assist in carrying out the design of the Convention, held in Buffalo on the 12th February last.

P. Freely, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Chas. Burns was requested to act as Secretary.

Moved by Mr. McCabe, seconded by the Rev. J. O'Riley:—

"That this Society be called the 'Dundas Colonization Society.'"

Moved by Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. P. Smith:—

"That James McMahon, Esq., M.D., be President of this Society."

Moved by the Rev. J. O'Riley, seconded by Mr. Bernard Conley:—

"That John Burns, Esq., T.C., be Vice-President."

Moved by Mr. P. Smith, seconded by Mr. P. Boyle:—

"That the Rev. J. O'Riley be Treasurer."

Moved by Mr. John McGerrald, seconded by Mr. Smith:—

"That Mr. Chas. Burns be Secretary."

Moved by Mr. B. Conley, seconded by Mr. J. Devlin:—

"That Mr. William Smith be Corresponding Secretary."

Messrs. B. Conley, John McGerrald, P. Boyle, Michael McCabe, and P. Smith, were appointed a Managing Committee, with power to add to their number."

Carried.

Moved by Mr. McCabe, seconded by Mr. Thos. Duffy:—

"That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Montreal True Witness*, *Catholic Citizen*, and *Mirror*, Toronto."

Mr. Freely having left the Chair, and Mr. Bernard Conley being called thereto—a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Chairman.

A subscription list was opened, and several persons entered their names, when the meeting separated.

CHARLES BURNS, Secretary.

A correspondent informs us that the Colonisation scheme is favorably looked upon at Rockwood, C. W. He writes:—

"The Colonisation movement is progressing favorably in these parts. By a letter received from the Reverend Dean Kirwan, I understand that it is his intention to take the earliest opportunity of convening the Supreme Directory for Canada. This is cheering; as Local Societies can do but little until after the assembling of the Directory. Very many in these parts are preparing to start for the Ottawa in the ensuing season; and may God in His mercy grant that we may be successful in our efforts to assist our long suffering people in their selection of a home. Scarce a day passes, but what some fine strapping countryman of mine comes to me applying for information. The other day I was thus applied to by one of seven brothers, all grown up—their father still hearty and as strong as any of them—and the whole family anxious to start for the land of promise. I know of many other families similarly situated in this neighborhood—good Catholics and who by industry and sobriety have got together a little money with which they propose to purchase land. I assure you Sir that it affords me much pleasure to give the applicants in such cases all the information in my power; for I feel convinced that such a class of settlers, carrying with them their industrious and religious habits, will prove, in every sense of the word, a blessing to the district which shall have the good luck to get them. They will soon erect the cross on the forest clearing; the Church and priest will shortly follow; and thus will they be the instruments for spreading the faith of our glorious St. Patrick over the land. Amen."

"I hear that the Reverend Father Ryan of Brantford is about to take an active part in this movement; as is also a priest from Toronto. God bless and reward them for their devotedness to our poor people. With the help of our Clergy we are sure to succeed."

Yours truly,

AN IRISH CATHOLIC."

PARLIAMENTARY.—The proceedings in the Provincial Parliament during the past week present little of interest, with the exception of a discussion on the expediency of a Repeal of the Legislative Union between Upper and Lower Canada. The people of the Upper Province, irritated at the loss of the Seat of Government, seem determined to insist upon representation by population; thus securing to the enemies of French Canadian nationality, and the religion of Lower Canada, a preponderance in the Legislature. To these terms the friends of Lower Canada will, we trust, never submit; and if no alternative is offered them, save "Repeal of the Union," or "Representation by Population," we think that they will not be long in making choice of the former.

The House of Assembly agreed on the 28th ult., to Mr. McKenzie's motion for an address to the Throne praying for a full pardon for Smith O'Brien and John Frost.

The report that M. Cauchon had resigned is formally contradicted.

The *Avenir* advocates the formation of one great Society, to embrace men of all origins and without distinction of parties; its festival to be kept on the Fourth of July, day memorable as the anniversary of American independence. Our respected cotemporary's recommendation has been anticipated. There exists, and has long existed, a Society open to all men, of all climes, of every rank, in which no distinctions are known, at whose hospitable board rich and poor, noble and sordid, free and bond are alike welcome; to which all are invited; from which none are excluded; and whose motto is "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

This Society is known in history as the Catholic Church; and she keeps a great anniversary festival about the period of the vernal equinox, in remembrance of a great deliverance wrought for the human race. We invite our cotemporary to join that Society, in which he will find order, liberty, fraternity and life everlasting.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.
The following interesting letter from the Rector of St. Mary's, Hamilton, Canada West, enclosing £10 towards the Catholic University, has been received by the Very Rev. Dr. Leahy, Vice-President of the University:—

Hamilton, Canada West, March 4th, 1856.
VERY REV. AND DEAR SIR—I beg leave to send you the enclosed order for ten pounds sterling, which you will please accept as a mite from the undersigned, towards the funds of the Catholic University of Dublin, my native city. I regret that my present circumstances will not allow me to evince, more substantially, the interest I feel for the future welfare and prosperity of your university.

We have two large schoolhouses being built in this city, which we hope to have in operation in a short time. They are to be Catholic separate schools; the law lately passed allows us to have our own schools; and to have our share of the taxes raised in the city for educational purposes.

We are making great efforts and personal sacrifices to avail ourselves of the advantages the present law holds out to us; but there is one great disadvantage which we cannot easily surmount—the want of good teachers. You, Very Rev. Sir, will help us in this difficulty by interceding for us with the Brothers of the Christian Schools, whom your influence might induce to send us a few of the Christian Brothers to take charge of our schools. We will pay their passage out, and will support them liberally.

The Catholics of this city number about 5,000, being one-fourth of the population, and almost all natives of Ireland, who are thirsting to give a Catholic education to their children.

Hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you at your earliest convenience, I have the honor to be, very Rev. and dear Sir, yours faithfully in Christ,

EDWARD GORDON, V.G.
Pastor of St. Mary's, Hamilton, C.W.
The Rev. P. Leahy, D.D., Vice-President
Catholic University, Stephen's-green, Dublin.

Died.
At Paris, France, on the 2nd ult., Amélie Bertholet, wife of Alfred LaRocque, Esq., aged 33 years.

Some of our Protestant papers boast that Protestants of all denominations in Upper Canada, are hostile to "Freedom of Education." The following from the *Hamilton Gazette*, an organ of the Anglican sect, would seem to tell a very different story:—

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

An idea very generally prevails that the Anglican Churchmen of this Diocese, have abandoned the idea of agitating for Separate Schools, wherein defined religious training would form part of the curriculum.

We cannot bring ourselves to credit, that the above *ad id* is based upon any substantial foundation.

Our venerable and astute Bishop has uniformly uplifted an emphatic protest against the system which would exalt the multiplication table above the Bible, and substitute the spelling book for the three Creeds. Never has he sounded a wavering or uncertain note on this all important subject. With as much determination he denounces the divorcement of Christianity from education, as he did when he commenced the crusade which ended so gloriously in the establishment of Trinity College.

So far as we have had an opportunity of learning, the great bulk of our clergy retain their hostility against the rationalistic doctrines of Egerton Ryerson.

Strange, indeed, would it be if they had adopted any other conclusion.

Every year makes more glaringly patent, the utter impracticability of instructing the mass of our rising generation in a knowledge of sacred things, through the machinery of Sunday schools. As a general rule a clergyman can only manage to organize one effective school of this description in his parish or mission. Of course there are exceptions, but we are confident that the rule is as above stated. The difficulty of procuring devoted and effective teachers is felt to be prodigiously great by all who have made the experiment; and in multitudes of instances the work of catechetical instruction devolves almost exclusively upon the pastors.

Where a minister has got three full services to perform, it must be plain to the most obtuse that the space of time which he can devote to the special tuition of the young, must be limited indeed. The exhaustion of the mind and body greatly incapacitates him for the work, and renders the task of effectual indoctrination utterly hopeless.

If this be conceded, how chilling the prospects of the generation at present rising up in our midst! Is it employing the language of an alarmist when we predict that in the course of ten or fifteen years the Province will be deluged with infidelity and religious indifference, if steps are not taken to arrest the progress of the plague?

Frankly do we admit that the question is burdened and clogged with many difficulties, but surely that fact furnishes no reason why its discussion by the approaching Synod should be blinked or tabooed. In the multitude of counsel there is wisdom, and strength lies in union.

We may not be able to obtain all that we could desire, but something may be done to work a modification in the existing deplorable state of matters. Half a loaf, is better than stark starvation.

For instance our endowed teachers might be enjoined to hear the pupils under their curatorship recite the catechisms approved of by their respective denominations, and to take care that the children understood the meaning of the words which they repeated.

Various other suggestions may be struck out in a thorough discussion of the question.

At all events if the Synod can do no more, it can at least record its protest against the monster moral-ulcer spot of our day and generation.

Loud is the outcry against the Romanists of Canada West, on account of the exertions which they are making to facilitate the spread of separate schools of a non-infidel character. That outcry we cannot bring ourselves to increase. Wrong, fearfully wrong, in a multitude of instances, here the Papist occupies a strong and towering vantage ground. Yes, the deluded adherents of this schismatical sect, will rise up in judgment at the last day against Anglo-Catholicism, and condemn it, if they be permitted to contend single-handed for the paramount claims of revelation.

For thus speaking we know right well that the Gallies of mere political Protestantism, who are continually crying "peace! peace!" will empty upon us their vials of recrimination and rebuke. In the estimation of such gentry Dr. Ryerson is a much more orthodox authority than St. Paul, and consequently any onslaught against the impeccability of their Saint, cannot fail to be regarded by them with wrath. The Doctor, however, though a "smart man," according to Jonathan's acceptance of the expression, is not yet canonized, and his Bulls in our esteem, are not one whit more sterling, than the rescripts of his brother empirics Barnum, and such like.

We have received the first number of a new bi-weekly paper, published at *Trois-Rivières—Le Bas Canada*—liberal, patriotic, and, we hope, Catholic; for only by maintaining their faith, can the people of Lower Canada hope to preserve their independent and distinctive nationality; only as docile children of the Church can they be good citizens and good Canadians. Our new cotemporary is very handsomely printed; and in the successful prosecution of his self-allotted task—to advocate the interests of French Canadian nationality—we heartily wish him God speed. May God preserve Lower Canada, at least, from all taint of Yankeeism, and Yankee principles. Of these we have already far too much in our midst already.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.
Tarbolton, P. Kelly, 15s; Norwood, W. McCarthy, £1 5s; Hawkesbury Mills, J. Carr, 6s 3d; Toronto, J. Malone, 12s 6d; Sherrington, Rev. J. Gratton, 6s 3d; Carleton Place, P. Galvin, 6s 3d; Frost Village, T. Lawler, 6s 3d; Isle aux Noix, M. Dowd, 12s 6d; Coteau du Lac, J. Phelan, 6s 3d; Brantford, Rev. J. Ryan, 12s 6d; Cavan, M. Cooney, 6s 3d; Tracadie, N. B. Rev. F. Gaurrean, 12s 6d; Warwick, G. McGauran, 6s 3d.

Per Rev. B. J. Higgins, Centreville—Self 12s 6d; J. Campbell, 12s 6d.

Per Rev. G. A. Hay, St. Andrews—S. McIntosh, 6s 3d; J. Walsh, 6s 3d; M. Mulloney, 6s 3d; A. H. McDonald, 6s 3d; N. Loughrey, 5s.

Per J. Doyle, Aylmer—G. Maguire, 12s 6d; J. Keany, 12s 6d; M. Cullin, 12s 6d.

Per W. McKenny, Cobourg—T. McCarthy, 10s.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS.

EXAMINATION.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE ENGLISH HIGH-CLASSES OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS will take place on THURSDAY next, the 8th inst., in the Upper Saloon of the School-building of St. Lawrence, corner of Vitre and Cheneville Streets, to which the Reverend Clergy, the parents, and all persons that have an interest in the education of the youth are most respectfully invited.

The branches of instruction to be examined on are—Catechism, Reading, Grammar, Parsing, Natural Philosophy, Geography, Astronomy, Natural History, Outlines of History, Music, Bookkeeping, Orthography, Geometry, Arithmetic, Mensuration, Composition, Algebra, and the French Exercises.