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London, Saturday, April 29, 1899.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO

His Grace the Most Reverend Archbishop O'Connor visited the parishes of Sandwich and Chatham last week, to bid adieu to those portions of the diocese of London, and to the priests of the diocese, whom he had invited to make their farewell visits to him in these localities, as he did not wish for any public demonstration on the occasion of his departure from the Metropolitan See of Toronto.

LOURDES.

It was estimated that 50,000 pilgrims reached Lourdes on Tuesday, April 17, from various parts of France. From year to year the number of pilgrims increases to a wonderful extent, so famous has the sacred shrine grown owing to the large number of miraculous cures which have taken place there, and continue to take place almost every day.

DIVORCES.

The English divorce courts are having a busy time just now. The vacation is just over and there have accumulated 221 petitions for divorce. The laws of divorce there are not so lax as in the United States, nevertheless the inevitable result of allowing divorce at all is that the number of families broken up by divorce will be constantly on the increase.

OUR HOLY FATHER.

The Rome correspondent of the London Daily News describes as follows, an affecting scene as having taken place in St. Peter's church, Rome, on Sunday, 17th inst., on the occasion of the Thanksgiving Mass, which was postponed on account of the Pope's illness from the anniversary of the coronation of the Holy Father.

said of his weak condition may be correct. We can only pray with the whole Catholic world that the Holy Father may be strengthened with aid from heaven in his declining years, and that he may in fine depart from this life peacefully and happily.

A later despatch direct from Rome, and which, therefore, did not pass through the mill of the London dailies, states that the Holy Father gave his blessing in a firm voice, and that he appeared to be in good health. This confirms our suspicion that the first despatch was highly colored by the correspondent for sensational purposes.

THE END OF THE CENTURY.

Cardinal Vaughan has announced in an address to the Catholic Truth Society of London, that the Holy Father has approved of a project to celebrate the last year of the nineteenth century and the first of the twentieth by solemn, international, and world-wide acts of homage to our Divine Saviour.

THE WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Americans are finding out by degrees that the task they have undertaken to rule the Philippine Islands is going to be infinitely more difficult than they anticipated when they made the bargain with Spain that the sovereignty of the islands should be transferred to them.

THE MONTH OF MARY.

On Monday of next week, May 1, will begin the beautiful month which the Catholic Church appropriately dedicates to the ever Blessed and Immaculate Mary, the Mother of God.

ity, excelling that of the lily, makes her worthy of the highest place which has been assigned to any creature in the glorious kingdom of God. Thus the words of Solomon, applicable in the first place to the sanctity of the Church of God, the Spouse of Jesus Christ, are referred also to Mary as His beloved Mother: "As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters."

Mary's prayers were powerful when she lived in the flesh on earth, as was evidenced by her obtaining from her Divine Son that He should work His first miracle at the marriage feast of Cana of Galilee. Her power with her Omnipotent Son is greater than ever now that she enjoys the eternal happiness of the beatific vision, and her interest in her children on earth is increased by the fact that she understands more fully by her more clear vision the greatness of our needs.

PROPOSED SUNDAY PAPERS IN ENGLAND.

The question of issuing Sunday newspapers is being at present widely discussed throughout England, there being a disposition manifested by several of the largely circulated dailies to issue a Sunday edition.

THE SAMOAN EMBROGGLIO.

On the 12th inst. an intense sensation was created in official and Government circles in London, Washington and Berlin, on receipt of a telegram from Apia, Samoa, to the effect that the British and American forces on the island had been routed by the natives in strong force.

AMERICANISM AND EVANGELICALISM.

An article in the Canadian Churchman of the 13th inst. makes it clear to the thoughtful reader that the editorial brain has been confused by the events which have recently been occurring in England in its own Church, making it impossible for any Anglican to know just now whether he is standing on his head or feet, from a doctrinal point of view.

rule was maintained by the Americans, but opposed by the Germans. On March 16 of the same year there was a fearful storm by which a German and an American war ship were destroyed. Then Mataafa endeavored himself to both these nations by saving the lives of a number of sailors of both ships, by strenuous efforts.

Matters rested thus until last August, when Mataafa died of typhoid fever, whereupon the three powers agreed to accept the choice of the Samoans for the future king, whether he should be Mataafa or Malletoa Tanu, as representing the late king. Mataafa received three-fourths of the Samoan vote, and was placed upon the throne.

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THE TORONTO PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.

The present age seems incapable of compiling creeds or Catechisms, being too much an age of transition and unrest. Vital creeds are the outcome of faith—not the progeny of doubt.

OBJECTIONS TO THE BLESSED EUCHARIST.

Lecture Delivered by the Rev. L. Minahan before the St. Mary's Catholic Truth Society, Toronto.

A VERY APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE.

A very appreciative audience gathered in the C. T. S. Hall, presided over by Mr. E. J. Hearn, at the last meeting of this Branch. The Rev. lecturer, whose eloquent effort was listened to with great attention, spoke as follows:

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DIFFICULTIES CAN BE BETTER APPRECIATED.

and all imaginary difficulties arising from misconception removed by a brief preliminary statement of the precise doctrine of the Catholic Church on this subject.

Church teaches everywhere the same truth, and Protestants even make this a constant objection to Catholic faith, sometimes putting it in the form that "Rome does not change," and "she clings to the same errors which she held three, four, or ten centuries ago."

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We may remark, however, that the authors of the recently issued Evangelical Protestant Catechism have employed the methods of "so-called Americanism," and they claim to represent sixty million Protestants. This minimizing of the faith is, therefore, quite a congenial Protestant practice, which cannot be truthfully alleged as being at all common among Catholics.

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