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If the English speaking Catholics of Monureal and of this Province consultei their best interests, they would soon make of the "True Witness" one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily Abless those who encourage this excellent

+ PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY ...... DECEMBER 4, 1897

#### ST. PATRICK'S LEAGUE -- AN EX PLANATION.

Some misunderstanding, we are very sorry to learn, has arisen amongst our friends over the remarks we made last week regarling St. Patrick's League and a few individual members of that Association have so far misinterpreted naturally the subject of rejoicing and our comments as to seem to think that our object was to belittle its importance.

It is surely unnecessary for us to state that nothing could be further from our intention than to do anything of the kind. Nobody who has read our editorial utterances for the past twelve months-nobody who has taken cognizance of our earnest and persistent adwocacy of the cause of Irish Catholic unity in this city and province-can have any doubt as to the warmth and sincerity of our sympathy with the meritorious purposes for the active fur. therance of which St. Patrick's League was established. Its members, each in his sphere, have ever been prompt to respond to the call of duty when the inter--ests of either their faith or their fatherland were involved.

An occasion had arisen for the League to put itself in evidence as one of the strong social factors-which it undoubtedly is-with which municipaland other suthorities in this city will have to -zeckon when matters affecting Irish Catholics come up for discussion. Au .. important position in the Fire Brigade, which had long been efficiently filled by an Irish Catholic, had become vacant through death. According to the prethose narrow ideas have now been relevailing custom at the City Hall, that gated to the dead past, and the football position should have been filled by another Irish Catholic, if one could be found qualified to fill it. There was an Irish Catholic member of the Brigade eminently qualified to take the position. We drew attention to the fact on two occasions. And yet Engineer Carroll's claims were passed over; and a Scotch Protestant-whose name, by-the-by, is, as the City Treasurer's annual report shows, not "Decarie," but Pearson-was appointed to succeed Chief Engineer Nolan. Naturally, we felt somewhat indignant

in the Dominion ce S RHOULD R TAKEN THAT THEY BHALLSBE BEPARATELY CLASSIFIED IN THE CENSUS WHICH WILL BE TAKEN & COUPLE OF YRARE HENCE. From sources more reliable than those at the disposal of Chief Benoit, we have learned that Iri-h Catholics form more nearly on-fourth than one-fifth of the total nonulation of Montreal. Let us place their number at 50 000-less than one-

fourth. According to the last census, Protestants of all sects, Jews, etc., numbered altogether 48 553. Let us estimate the number of our Protestant fellow citizens at 50.000 now. That would leave Irish Catholics entitled to as many positions, on the Chief's basis of population. as the Protestants, Jews, etc., all put together.

But what are the facts, as set forth in Chief Benoit's own statement? They are these : that there are six Protestant captains in the Fire Brigade, and only three Irish Catholic captains ; that there tre three Protestant engineers (including Mr. Pearson) and only one Irish Catholic engineer.

Thus the Protestants have twice as many captains and three times as many engineers as they are entitled to, if Chief Benoit's contention that the Irish Cath olics occupy as many positions in the brigade as they are entitled to is correct.

THE GREAT VICTORY OF OTTAWA COLLEGE.

The great victory which Ottawa College has achieved in the football field is congratutation to every Irish Catholic (amily in Optario and Quebec, who believe that healthy and manly pastime should go hand in hand with healthy education. It is not so much that the Dominion football championship has tren won two years in succession by the College, not to speak of the championships won in previous years, under the auspices of the Ontario Rugby Unionit is rather the splendidly plucky work done by the College in the face of innumerable difficulties that at the present time commands our admiration. We can all remember how, when Ottawa College was a dangerous factor in the O .tario championship, travelling was made so difficult that it eventually torced Otte wa College out. When application was made to join the Quebec Union, geographical boundaries were used as an excuse for non-admittance, notwithstanding that at the time Cornwall was in the Quebec organization. To give some show for refusing College, Cornwall was requested to drop out. There was no great secret made of the reasons for these hindrances, and it was generally known that the religion taught at he College was the real reason of the team's "undesirableness." Happily

money. The operations of the society have reached to such enormous dimenalone that new and larger central premises have had to be secured. As our readers know, there is a flourishing Montreal.

#### IS THE PRESS'S INFLUENCE WANING ?

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The result of the election in Greater New York has suggested a discussion of the question whether the influence of the press in the Empire City and in other large cities throughout the United States has not been waning during the last fifteen or twenty years. For the party which emerged with such asweeping majority from the elections was opposed by the leading journals of all shades of politics. The New York Evening Post admits what is, indeed, a self. evident truth, that the Press on this side of the Atlantic has been steadily losing the influence it formerly wielded over the masses of the pe ple; and it easily as are perfect, be thus minded; and if traces the causes of this decline of journalistic influence—causes strikingly eimilar to those which have led to a similar result here in Montreal. Fifteen years ago, it says, "it was discovered by some clever speculators that there was a great deal of money to be made in journalism by newspapers of the type introduced by the late James Gordon Bennett, which made no pretence of earnestness, which printed everything that people would be likely to read, without regard to private feelings, or accuracy, or importance, and which, above all things, startled people, no matter how, by invention, by headlines, or pictures. Their success had a gradually increasing effect on the older and more serious papers. It diffused through the whole newspaper world the idea that if you wished to in crease your circulation you must do it. not by improving the quality of your matter, but by greater triviality, more personal gossip, more attention to the amusements of the community, less to its morals, or religion, or politics ; more weddings, dances, lunches, engagements. more scandals, crimes, offences, and more queer things generally." This is as succinctly as it is truthfully

put: and the wonder is that the editor of the Evening Post should, after instancing the New York World as an example of the molern frivolous and unprincipled journal, go on to place the New York Sun in the same category, and indulge in bitter personalities in regard to its late editor, which death sught to have assuredly silenced. The late Mr. Dana was an earnest and conscientious worker. whose breadth of view and width of sympathy were shown in his unwearied championship of the Irish Home Rule movement, and in his reverence for the Catholic faith. He was an opponent of Mr. E. L Godkin; but he would never

ence and self-indulgence, and tab their neglect of the means of grace frequently placed within their reach which would have enabled them to be come supernatural men, he felt they had | pire with this? Be it remembered, too, branch of the Catholic Truth Society in | reason to pause before venturing to re | that this is only the exhibit of one firm joice. The time of such a jubilee as the in one comparatively small town. But present was, he thought, a time for a it is doubtful if it can be equalled in "Miserere" as well as for a "Te Denm," any other part of Scotland. and he would ask his faithful clergy to join with him in both. The key note of the jubiles however, he said, was one of thanksgiving. Whatever measure of auccess had attended his labors in the priesthood or episcopacy was due to the goodness and mercy of God, who had chosen him to be the channel of 'His grace to sculs and he humbly, heartily

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and gratefully recognized the fact. His Eminence concluded his lengthy reply in these words of St. Paul: "Brethren. I do not count myself to have apprehended. But one thing I do, forgetting the things that are behind and stretching forth myself to those that are before, I press towards the mark, to the prize of the supernal vocation of God in Christ Jesus. Let us, therefore, as many in anything ye be otherwise minded. this God also will reveal to you" (Phil. iii.)

Brethren, whether our life shall be suddenly cut short or prolonged is God's secret. The work yet to be accomplished is immeasurable. Let us press forward in it; let us fight the good fight to the end. Let us bear on in the race with all our strength till we actually touch the " Verus amor nunquam otiosus. goal. Operatur magna, si est; si operare renuit, amor non est." Be this our constant praver, our constant effort, amare el errire-to love and s rve God and souls, as true apostles.

And now I bless you, my fellow laborers, my friends. and my sons. May we, the special liegemen of Mary's Dowry, be loving children of our Most Sorrowful Mother, generously spending ourselves and being spent in the service of her Son. May we be as signally men of praver as men of action, that we may be numbered at last among the saints.

NEEDLESS ALARM.

The three terrible crimes which have recently been committed in this province has thrown the Quebec Daily Telegraph into a state of journalistic hysteria 'Hardly a day passes," it says, "that the community are not startled and horrified by the news of some foul murder, suicide, or other terrible deed of blood and crime from which civilized humanity revolts.' 'We, in this province," the Telegraph adds' are unquestionably passing through an enidemic of murder,' and are "fast acquiring a most unenviable reputation for bloodthirstiness and savagery."

The Telegraph writer's nerves seem to bave been utterly unstrung when he penned these gruesome lines. One fancies that one hears his teeth chatter with terror. But there is really no need for this alarm or this exaggerated language. In proportion to its population the Province of Quebec stands, so far as the average occurrence of capital crime is of Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn-to

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THE FRUITS OF CHARITY.

Amidst the jarrings and contentions of every day life, it is pleasant to come across articles, in the secular press, testifying to the overwhelming influence of Christian charity. The world is forced to acknowledge the fruits of the reachings of the Divine Master. In a recent article the New York Tribune page a tribute to the workers in the Churchwhose lives exemplify the teachings they expound. Dilating on the subject, the Tribune says :---

"' Love your enemies,' said the Saviour-an impossible counsel of perfection if taken in its bare, literal sense : to day smoothing the rough places of human passion, laying low the mountains of human price and levelling up the valleys of human abasement and degradation.'

And the writer then dilates upon the wonderful workings of Christian charity | bration was made the occasion of excepin many ways, to the selfish worldling | tional rejoicing, into which the aged almost incomprehensible. Passing from the general to the particular, the article concludes as follows :---

Take as a familiar illustration the life and career of Monsignor James Nugent. of Liverpool, England, now visiting in this country. For many years he has been known as the apos le to the outcast of whatever creed or nationality; and his divinely inspired love for his brother in degradation has earned for him the veneration of all who know him. Pro feesing a form of Christianity against which there is a widespread prejudice in England, he has so made the image of Christ visible in his life that not the most hidebound Protestant would gain. say his essential Christlikeness. In the eves of such a man there are no human beings too degraded to be lifted up into the Christ life; none so unidened as to be deaf to the appeals of Christian love and sympathy. Even criminals, perhaps the least hopeful product of modern civilization, "are all," says Father Nugent, "the creatures of God. They are a very large type of humanity in which there is more We find, in tracing the good than evil. history of criminals, that they had chiefly sprung from what you may call the neglected classes The children have been thrown upon the streets ; they have had drunken or profligate parents, and through neglect became criminals. But in all of the criminal classes there is some good. In the boys and girls in the suffer you have talent which would fit them for any position, if it were only properly cultivated."

HOW CATHOLICS WILL CLOSE THE CENTURY.

Steps have already been taken in at least one diocree on this continent-that affections.-R.I.P.

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DEATH OF MOTHER ST. URSULE.

The Paalmist's words, that "In the midet of life we are in death," have been striking illustrated and, in this instance, have been brought close home to us by the demise of an aged and sainted Sister of the Congregation Nuns-Mother St. Ursule-which took place on Saturday last, 27th November. In its issue of 27th October. just one month previously. the TRUE WITNESS published a biographical sketch of this remarkable nonogenarian member of the great Sisterbood, and it was little thought that the facts then recited in connection with what may be termed the Diamond Jubitee of her profession would so soon be required for incorporation in an obituary notice. But such is life, or, rather, such is death! Ninety vears of earth, and over seventy of them dedicated exclusively to the love and Eservice of God, constitute too beautiful yet in its spirit it is it work in the world a record for this side of the grave, and entitle its holder to be transferred from the scenes of this world to those of that bright and happy home of eternal joy which it was the sole aim of her long years to deserve. The anniversary cele-Mother entered as fully as any of those who took part or waited upon her.

Sister St. Ursule was born in Quebec in 1809 and, having died within a month of her 96th year, may rightly be termed a nonogenarian- Her father, Mr. Gibson, was a gentleman of means who, coming from Scotland, engaged in business at Quebec, and for that purpose leased a portion of the property occupied by the Sisters of the Congregation Order as an educational establishment. Mr. and Mrs. G bson, though Protestants, became great friends of the good Nuns and admirers of their Order.

When the subject of this notice was but four years old, her mother died, and, in accordance with her death bed request. her three young daughters were placed under the exclusive control of the good Sisters. To this fact the Catholic Church owes three of its most treasured members, for, all three, having embraced its truths, gave up their lives to its service. two entering the Hotel Dieu, where they led most useful and exemplary lives, and died at advanced ages.

Mary, the third daughter, as has been seen, remained in her childhood home, the historic old convent of the Congregation of Notre Dame, where she spent all the long years of her eventful life and where she breathed her last on Saturday, 27th November, 1897, surrounded by those she loved so well and who gave back love for love, the genuine promptings of pureat hearts and truest



both at the action of the Fire Committee and at the apparent inaction of the League; and our only motive in making the comments we did was to suggest, with the frankness of true friendship, that, in view of this incident, which is but one in a long series of similar occurrences, the League stood in need of being spurred on to more aggressive, and, consequently, more effective action.

The League, we are informed, made an effort to secure the appointment of Mr. Carroll, but the influence exercised by a certain number of Aldermen could not be overcome. These Aldermen, however, will have to explain their action at the approaching elections, judging by the terms of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Irish Catholic electors of St. Antoine Ward, which will be found elsewhere in these columns.

#### JRISH CATHOLICS AND THE FIRE BRIGADE.

As a reply to our strictures on the Fire Committee last week, Chief Benoit has. according to the Daily Witness, prepared did team that so well upheld the honor " a statement showing the names and nationalities of the men" employed in the principal positions on the Fire Brigsde. The Chief's report, however, shows that the injustice done to Irish Catholics is even worse than was at first suspected. At the outset he states that, according to population, "the Irish Catholics are eutitled to one fifth of the positions," but is significantly silent on the propor-

field is an arena where men may meet on equal terms, no matter what their creed or teaching. Under all the circumstances it is more than gratifying to see a Catholic institution at the head of a branch of sport, the very nature and ruggedness of which is calculated to make men strong, self-reliant, and fits them in a great measure for the harder battle of life which is to follow. The work of the College team during the past year is most interesting, even from and hard practice improved them every day until, when it came to the crucial test, they left the field not only victors. but undoubtedly the best team that ever played Rugby in Canada. A great deal of this is due to the untiring efforts of the Rev. Father Fallon, who evidently believes in muscular Christianity to a boys look to his decisions and follow his instructions unquestioningly. The dig nity of the priest is never forgotten, but human nature always loves the teacher whose ways are its ways and whose pastimes are its pastimes. On the other to spare from his studies, it cannot be used to better advantage than by practising some sort of sport, where hard knocks have to be taken as well as given.

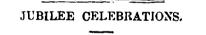
second to the mental process. Congratulations are, therefore, due to Father Fallon, Captain Gleeson, and the splenof Ottawa College, an institution of which we are all justly proud.

# THE CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.

From the report read at the half-yearly meeting of the Catholic Truth Society clear that it is meeting with gratifying the many graces and blessings showered. tion of the positions to which Protest success in carrying on the important upon them during the last 25 years arine, Dorchester or some other street. ants are entitled. Where did Chief work of the dissemination of the truths Bénoit get his figures concerning the of our holy Faith. An interesting refer the sine that period covered as with a Trish Catholic population of Montreal? ence was made to the projected decora-They are not given in the Government | tion of the tomb of Cardinal Pole. The they thought of the immense debt of Highland town of Inverness, which con-

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have stooped to such personal animosity had be survived the editor of the Even ing Post.



Replying to the address from the Chapter and clergy of the diocese of Westminster on his silver jubilee anniversary, Cardinal Vaughan adverted to the frequency of jubilee celebrations in these modern days, and suggested that a mere football standpoint. At the be- a breathing pause would be grateful to kinning of the year they certainly did society at large. As occasions for the not look like champions; but discipline assertion and display of loyalty and affection they were well, but these should be measured by the merits of the person it was desired to honor or the event it was intended to commemorate. His Eminence then referred to the exceptional character of the jubilees of the Holy Father and of our Most Gracious Queen, with which he also associated large extent. As an adviser, Father that of his distinguished predecessor Fallon is particularly gifted, and the Cardinal Manning, whose singular services to the Church had been recognized in such a solemn and special manner. He then reminded his clergy that in less than three years the Catholics of Englad would have an opportunity of celebrating a jubilee which would incite band, the good Fathers recognize the them to pour forth their whole strength fact that when a student has some time | in the praise of God-the Catholic National jubilee of 1900-the fiftieth anniversary of the restoration of the Church in England to its position in the hierarchy of the Kingdom of God. He corfor physical education comes only dially invited all to make due preparation for this glorious event, adding that gilts and generosity and sacrifices are sons" of our old-fashioned universities, the becoming accompaniment of such an exceptional cause for rejoicing and that gone in for the (to it) expensive luxury he hopes these may be used to complete the Metropolitan Cathedral so that the most magnificent High Mass and Te Duem may be heard under its domes on that occasion.

Passing to the substance matter of the addresses from his clergy of the West held recently in London, under the minster and Salford dioceses, he said presidency of Cardinal Vaughan, it is that neither they nor he could look upon without feelings of sorrow and shame for veil. When, as God's priests and apostles, census ; and this reminds us to urge, in Duke of Norfolk is the treasurer of the gratitude they owed Him, that His mas I sisted of 600 of this season's stags' heads, service will take the form of missions English Catholic

concerned, low down on the list. Besides. shocking as the recent crimes have been, the remarkable fact should not be lost sight of that the perpetrators in each case have confessed their guilt.

## THE IRISH LANGUAGE.

WITH characteristic patriotism many of the Irish clergy are making strong efforts to revive the Irish language, the beautiful tongue of their forefathers. Notable amongst these is the good Bishop of Galway, Dr. MacCormack, whose heart was made glad on a recent (Galway, not the St. Lawrence), when several young lady pupils sang touching songs in Irish. He improved the circumstance and occasion to make an eloquent appeal to all present in favor of the study of Irish, inviting parents to mastered it, and thus give an impetus to happy presage of peace and control. the movement for its revival. There is much that appeals to the Irish heart in this noble effort, and it is to be hoped it from all nations having assembled in will be practically supported, especially by the youth of the country. There is certainly more sense, more justice, more profit and in every way more satisfaction, to say nothing of patriotic or national motives, in cultivating the grand old tongue of our Celtic ancestors than that of the heathen Chinee. Such, however, does not seem to find any sympathy or approval from the "Domine Sampfor we read that Cambridge has just of a chair for Chinese, and has already filled it by the appointment of a flatnosed, almond-eyed, pigtailion. Ambitious freshmen will now be able to Celestialise their linguistic aspirations.

ASTONISHED crowds are sometimes seen gazing and gaping at two or three carriboo carcases hanging, or lying, in front of a purveyor's store on St. Cath. What would these wondering people say to such a show as was lately exhibited. on the premises of a taxidermist in the

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give effect to the desire of the Holy Father that the close of the present century and the beginning of the next should be made the occasion, throughout the whole universe, of a solemp religious manifestation of love and gratitude to the Redeemer of mankind.

The following letter was addressed by Cardinal Jacobini, secretary of the Propaganda, to all the bishops of the Church on the subject recently :

"You have doubtless become aware of the project, advanced by a number of men of great piety, to get the faithful throughout the universe at the close of the present century to affirm in a solemn visit to the Seminary at Nun's Island | manifestation, by a series of religious exercises, their love and gratitude to the all powerful Redeemer of the human race

"The design of these men in this initiative was to respond to the desire of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII., who wished to consecrate the epoch of tran sition from one century to another by encourage their children to take it up an extraordinary invocation of the and not to be satisfied till they had Divine assistance of Jesus Christ as a Now, the project of these personages having received the full approbation of his Holiness, and Catholic delegates

> congress at Rome to promote its realization, it has pleased the Sovereign Pontiff to select me, without any merit on my part, as honorary president of the committee.

> "Here, assuredly, is a noble task, and I own that I am proud and happy to undertake it. For what could be more agreeable to my feelings than the occasion so favorably presented to me at the end of my days to employ all the strength that is still left me in promoting the glory of our Saviour-all the more, too, in these last days of a departing century. And what a century has been this of ours, in which proud men relying on a science unworthy of the name, and displaying an activity which might be called feverisb, have carried their audacious temerity to the extent of calling in question the origin of Christianity, or even presenting as a fiction, as a lying legend, faith in the divine person of the Saviour.

> "Wherefore we shall fervently strive to make reparation for the great injuries done to our Master, to appease God's anger by our prayers, to exalt in paens of praise the holy name of Jesus Christ, who is the splendor of the glory and the perfect image of the substance of God. Such will be the task in which we shall new century.'

The remarks printed elsewhere in this issue by our talented contributor "J. M." on the stage as we have it in Montreal, merit that special notice should be drawn to them. "J. M.," whom many will recognize by his initials, is an authority on the subject with which he deals, having written several high-class Irish plays, which have been presented. in this city with great success. In con nection with the vile caricature of Irishmen and Irishwomen, of which we had a notable example here lately, the successfull efforts of St. Ann's Young Men's Society and the Young Irishmen's Dramatic Club to stage the Irish character as it should be staged should be men-

On the occasion of the reception of the new Lord Mayor at the Law Courts in London, on the 9th November, last, the duty of swearing that high functionary was discharged by Mr. Justice Mathew. His Lordship the Chief Justice being indisposed and unable to attend. Sir James Mathew, like Lord Chief Justice Russell, is a Catholic, and a nephew of the great Father Mathew, the apostle of temperance, his father having been Mr. Charles Mathew of "Lehena," County bork. His daughter is married to Mr. John Dillon, M.P., the leader of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

tioned as worthy of the highest praise.

THE close approach being made to Catholic doctrines by the Anglican Church was shown by the manner in which the recent Feast of All Souls was observed in England. On the eve of the Feast, in accordance with a list of services privately issued by the Anglican Guild of All Soule, "Vespers for the Dead " were said or sung in one hundred and fifty-three churches of that Communion in England and Scotland, and "Masses for the Dead " were celebrated on the day of the Feast itself in two hundred and thirty Anglican churches.

MR. JOHN P. WEIDNER J P., & Catholic, has been appointed High Sheriff of Newset forth all our zeal at the dawn of the castle upon Tyne. Another sign of the times, and a proof of the growing. confi-In Brooklyn this special devotional dence, in the good citizenship of the Sam