

THE sixth of the special Lenten Sermons was preached in St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Sunday evening last by Rev. R. B. McDonald of Rustico. His theme was "The Catholic Rule of Faith," and his text was: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. XVI. 18. The sermon occupied exactly one hour in delivery, and was a masterpiece of sacred eloquence. From beginning to end the Rev. preacher proved his thesis in a concatenation of Scriptural quotations enunciated so clearly and succinctly that the dullest could not fail to comprehend them. If we add to this the charm of his delivery and the heights of eloquence to which the preacher soared in certain passages, the discourse will take rank as one long to be remembered. He began by referring to the subjects that had been treated in former discourses. He showed how the necessity of faith; the insufficiency of faith alone for salvation; the inspiration of the Bible; the existence of tradition as a part of divine revelation; and the difference between the Catholic and non-Catholic rules of faith had been proved. He then, with the most luminous and logical argument showed what the Catholic rule of faith is. The Catholic rule of faith is that laid down by our Lord Jesus Christ. This we know on the authority of the infallible Church which our Lord established. He pointed out that the infallibility of the Church was clearly proved from the Scriptures. Christ came on Earth to establish a Church and it followed that that Church should be an infallible Church; should be the pillar and ground of truth. Had our Lord intended that more than one true Church should exist, he doubtless would have said, "On this rock I will build my churches." But our Lord spoke in the singular number, therefore he intended to establish but one true Church. This Church the Rev. preacher proved was the Catholic Church. The date of the origin of the different churches throughout the world, and the names of their founders could be traced; but none of these except the Catholic Church could trace its history over eight hundred years. This Church could be clearly identified with that established at Jerusalem over eighteen hundred years ago by Jesus Christ. None of the other churches claiming to be Christian, could show a history of five hundred years. Those outside the Catholic Church, he pointed out, admitted she was infallible in the early years of her existence. If once infallible she is always infallible; but he had already shown she was infallible in her founder and her doctrine. Here the Rev. preacher quoted Lord Macaulay's celebrated tribute to the Catholic Church. The

church had been called Catholic by the Apostles before they went forth to preach the Gospel, when they drew up the formula of faith known as the "Apostles' Creed." Here it is expressly laid down in the words "I believe in the Holy Catholic Church." From the time of the Apostles to the present day, the Rev. preacher pointed out the members of the true Church are called Catholics. At the present time two hundred and fifty millions of Christians are Catholics, and call themselves by that name; not only that, but all non-Catholics call us Catholics, and all unbelievers and outsiders of all descriptions call us Catholics. This the Rev. preacher pointed out, was something that could not be said of the members of any other church. In conclusion he pointed out what a privilege it was to belong to the grand old Catholic Church presided over by Leo XIII. the successor of St. Peter and Christ's representative on earth. We should be faithful members of the Church founded by these memorable words, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

A LADY correspondent sent the Northwest Catholic an "Ode to Spring," consisting of twenty-nine stanzas. It is needless to say, adds our contemporary, that we are not suffering so much for the ode of spring as we are for the ode to the Northwest Catholic. This is not poetry, but it is melancholy truth.

We have received a somewhat lengthy account of a concert held at New Fort, on the last night, in aid of St. George's Church; but owing to the pressure on our space, we are unable to publish it, or do more than state that the concert was very successful, and the sum of \$33 was realized.

SHE IS AN ARTIST, an expert in color and harmony. Miss Walker, of Montreal, is an artist in the millinery line. She has worked for years in the largest millinery house in Canada, and comes to us with the very best recommendations. It is a pleasure to visit our millinery department, which is now on the lower floor of our new store. Stanley Bros., Brown's Block—21.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache. 25c.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

LONDON advises say the Cunard steamship line's annual report shows a profit for the past year of £249,788.

REVENUE from Georgetown say that Mr. Clark, of Lower Montague, had a small catch of herring on Thursday morning last.

THE Northwest Review, the able Catholic paper of Manitoba, has transferred its printing plant from Winnipeg to St. Boniface, where the paper will in future be published.

MR. Chamberlain, in the British House of Commons, on the 6th, said the Canadian government had signed a contract with Peterson, of New Castle, for the Atlantic service. The superannuation in this case was determined to be a joint liability agreement.

SPEAKING at a banquet in London, on Saturday last, Mr. Goschen, First Lord of the Admiralty, declared that England is determined to maintain its supremacy in South Africa, and would back its High Commissioner with the power of the British Empire.

FOUR men were retired from the Ottawa City Council Office on Saturday. Three were superannuated and one retired with a gratuity. The superannuations in this case call for the annual payment of over two thousand dollars. One of the retired is the chief clerk. He receives a superannuation of \$1,200 a year, and is under sixty years of age.

MR. JOHN W. MORRISON, who died in this city on Sunday last, was a well known citizen of the town, and a familiar figure on our streets. For the last thirty-six years he was Secretary of the Public Works Department. Mr. Morrison was a competent public official, and was thoroughly familiar with the smallest details of his department. He was born at La Have, N. S., in 1820, and came to this city at the age of 12 years.

HOFFMAN'S Catholic Directory for 1897, forms a volume of over nine hundred pages, exclusive of the advertisements. It contains complete reports of the dioceses in the United States, Canada and Newfoundland, as well as the prefectures, apostolates of St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands. It promises to give, next year, full reports of the dioceses of Mexico, Central and South America. The book shows that the editors have taken much pains to secure accurate and full information. It is now published by M. H. Wilkins & Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

A GEORGIA newspaper man is going to give up journalism because he thinks editors are not treated fairly. "A child is born," he says, "the doctor in attendance gets \$10, the editor notes it and gets 0; it is christened, the minister gets \$4, the editor writes it up and gets 0; it marries, the minister gets another fee, the editor a piece of cake or 000; in course of time it dies, the doctor gets from \$5 to \$10, the minister gets another \$4, the undertaker gets from \$25 to \$40, the editor prints it and receives 0000—and then the privilege of running free of charge a card of thanks."

CHICAGO advises say that Dr. Fenton B. Turk has performed the feat of securing a man's stomach at the Post Graduate Medical School, and by means of Baugin rays he at the same time viewed the internal apartment where his little device was at work. Attached to the end of Dr. Turk's instrument, which is called a gyro-mech, or revolving sound, was a flexible cable of spiral steel wire, on the end of which was a small sponge, and this with the sponge was swallowed by the patient. It was not only possible to see the ribs and backbone of the patient, but to view the vibrations of the heart and to outline the liver and kidneys. Dr. Turk is enthusiastic over the success of the experiment.

SUNDAY last, being Palm Sunday, the solemn ceremony of blessing the palms took place in St. Dunstan's Cathedral immediately before High Mass. The officiating priest was Rev. R. B. McDonald, of Rustico, assisted by Rev. Ignatius McDonald, as deacon, and Rev. Dr. Thomas Curran as sub-deacon. After the blessing and distribution of the palms, Solemn High Mass was celebrated, by the Rev. R. B. McDonald, assisted by the same deacon and sub-deacon. During the reading of the passion by the celebrant, it was read to the congregation by Rev. Dr. Morrison. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings the office of *Tenebrae* will be held in the Cathedral at 7 o'clock. Holy Thursday, (tomorrow) and Good Friday, the morning office will commence at 8 o'clock. On Friday morning there will be a sermon on the Passion of our Lord. On Holy Saturday morning the Services will commence at 7.30.

In our issue of the 24th ult., there appeared some "Newton Cross notes." Since then we received from Mr. C. A. Gillis of Orwell Cove, a note stating that these notes contained serious charges against some of the people of that vicinity and were a great extent, falsehoofs. He also stated that he had been accused of being the author of the notes. We have to say that Mr. Gillis was not the author of the notes. The same man that brought Mr. Gillis' note brought us a letter from him, the author of the notes confessing that the notes made serious charges against some of the most respectable people of the vicinity, and that some of the statements made were lies of the very worst kind. He also confessed that he had accused Mr. Gillis of being the author of the notes, and he avails himself of this opportunity to apologize for the scandal he has given, and to acquit Mr. Gillis of the charge of being the author of the notes in question. What a pretty state of things we have here. How strange it is that the country apries, for the most part, never undertake to write anything for publication except when they want to tell some lies about their neighbors. In this case it appears the writer was not satisfied with telling lies, but he must accuse some one else of having done so. The result of this manner of acting is that the people of the country are not likely to find publication in the newspapers.

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Mortgage Sale.
To be sold by public auction on WEDNESDAY the NINETEENTH day of MAY, 1897, in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown, P. E. I., the power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-seventh day of November, A. D. 1887, and made between George Harper, of Charlottetown, Lot or Township, Parish of St. John's, County of Prince Edward Island, farmer, and Rebecca Harper, his wife, of the one part, and Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien of the other part, and also by virtue of a power of sale contained in another Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1889, and made between the said George Harper and Rebecca Harper, his wife, and Mary Harper of the same part, and Credit Foncier Franco-Canadien of the other part.

All that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot or Township Number 10, in the Parish of St. John's, County of Prince Edward Island, bounded and described as follows that is to say:—Commencing on the West side of the Great Western Road at the angle formed by its junction with street known as the Harper's Road, thence following the Great Western Road north easterly the distance of twenty-six chains thence west thirty-four chains thence north twenty-nine degrees east thirty-six chains thence south forty-five degrees west seven chains and fifty links to the reserved road, thence along said reserved road, leaving and following the corner thereof from all that tract piece or parcel of the mill pond at a stake fixed about three feet from the southern end of the mill pond, thence running south westerly to the dam on said pond and sixty links to a mill road six chains and fifty links to a dam fixed at the southeastern angle of the mill pond, thence running parallel with the mill dam about ten chains and fifty links to a stake fixed at the northern end of the mill pond, thence running south westerly to the dam; 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