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"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."—"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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Written for the Record.  
The Christ of Vienna.

I have read, in a story of old,  
Which some Austrian poet has told,  
Of a wonderful pleasure of Christ,  
In His assumption's glory of gold.  
Where the age and the colors sufficed  
To endow with a value unpriced  
The robe which that in His arms all graces of  
Life, a sweet solemn power through the faces divine.

Not its age nor its art gave the name  
That has drawn by its marvelous fame,  
The loge crowds who came breathless to gaze  
On the changing and mystical frame  
Where they saw, in adoring amazement,  
The bright form, last would lesson or raise  
His fair stature, ranged round with the light  
Of His love, and in up of step down from His height  
Far above.

For the charm of the painting of yore,  
Was the varying aspect it wore;  
Just an inch and but one, beyond those before  
Who might stand in calm wonder before  
The grand figure that narrows or grows,  
As each gaze its own measure it shows.  
An inch greater than babyhood's fault little  
span,  
Yet forever that one inch beyond the full  
man.

I believed this old tale in my youth,  
But this hour with a far deeper truth  
In this fable no more the measure is seen,  
And need not to question, in sooth,  
It is day in Vienna there be,  
Or was ever, such picture to see,  
For the heart to a holier awe must be stirred  
By its truth of Christ's self, and His Law,  
and His Word.

To the little, unlettered and weak  
Shall be bowed the Great Type that they  
seek:  
But however their wisdom increase  
Still beyond them the lessons that speak  
From the fatuous pages of peace:  
Past the limits where knowledge must cease  
Spread the truth His Evangel must teach to  
the end,  
Yet forever to childhood's low reach will He  
bend.

Low and far, but so high and so clear,  
For reaching and loving so near,  
That one inch stretching out to a sphere!  
Who art, to draw compass and line  
With thy science, and we epine  
Thy miller's eye mind has excluded it all!  
Ab, poor eye, will thou make the world's  
Christ, then, so small?

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Vatican has been advised from Vienna and Berlin that Austria, Germany and Italy, during the continuance of alliance between them, will not permit the subversion of the Papacy and will support the Pope's independence and liberty.

The Executive Committee of the Toronto branch of the Irish National League has called Wm. O'Brien, M. P., editor of the *United Ireland*, that Lord Lansdowne denied his Excellency's estates in Ireland, and urging him to come to Canada. They engaged to make arrangements for a series of demonstrations in all large cities in Canada.

In the course of the debate on leave to introduce the Crimes Bill, in the English House of Commons, Mr. Healy said he would be delighted if the Government would suppress the National League, because this would relieve the Irish members of a great responsibility, and the people would then conduct the agrarian movement for themselves. "Suppress the League by all means," said Mr. Healy, "even stop public speaking; but in the latter event the Parnellites will leave to the Government the responsibility for the blood that might be spilled."

There are people in England who think that there is not an overwhelming reason for jubilation over the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation, as the following extract from the *Univers* (London, Eng.) will show: "But, some courtier may urge, look at the grand improvements which have been effected in her time. We would as soon think of praising Her Majesty for them, as of blaming her for the three curses of War, Pestilence, and Famine, which have brooded over her reign, or of holding her accountable for the existing discontent and depression, the pauperism of London, the mal-administration of Ireland, the decline of trade everywhere, the growth of Socialism and the National Debt, the profligacy of the aristocracy, or the severity of the weather."

Mr. Gladstone has cabled the following message to C. A. Dana, New York, in

acknowledgment of a cable dispatch informing him of the endorsement of his Irish policy by a mass meeting of citizens in Cooper Union, New York, last Monday:—"I am very sensitive of the value of the sympathy which from the first we have received from, as I believe, the great majority of the American people in our attempt to secure just measures of good government for Ireland—a sympathy which I feel sure will continue to attend us until this just policy shall attain consummation." Mr. Parnell sent a similar dispatch.

*United Ireland* is paying its respects to Mr. Balfour, the new Chief Secretary for Ireland. It calls him "the bloody Balfour, with a tiger's heart wrapped in a woman's hood," and says:—"He has entered lightly into the struggle with the Catholic Church. In such struggles the proudest despots have been humbled into dust. Prince Bismarck, swaying the destinies of Europe, in his whole career but once learned the bitterness of defeat, and that was when he laid his hand on the Church, which resents the sacrilegious handling of the sacred privileges of the priesthood." A short time and Balfour will take a place in the ranks of the army of disgraced and humbled politicians who have endeavored to rule the Irish people in a fashion not in accordance with the principles of justice.

The Irish Crimes' Bill was introduced in the English House of Commons on the 28th. It provides for the abolition of the jury system, and in certain classes of crime gives magistrates power of summary trial. Mr. Balfour introduced the motion, and entered into a bitter tirade against the National League. Mr. Dillon followed Mr. Balfour. He said the measure could only result in causing increased disorganization and driving the people back to the horror of former years. Mr. Balfour, he said, had succeeded in proving nothing but his own ignorance of the country which he sought to govern, and the sooner he quitted office the better for Ireland and for himself. The Government, he continued, were practically treating Irishmen like slaves, and they sought to rot them out like vermin.

The *Boston Herald*, in referring to the rumored conversion of John Ruskin, says:—"It seems to be settled that John Ruskin, who stands pretty close to the head of the poll of favorite Englishmen, has become a convert to the Roman Catholic Church. It cannot be charged that those who have been instrumental in securing his conversion have been actuated by sordid motives, as Ruskin disposed of most of his worldly possessions some time ago. He inherited a fortune of a million, and in his younger days freely indulged his splendid taste as a collector and naturalist, bringing together in his house the most remarkable variety of treasures to be seen in England outside Kensington and the British Museum. Then he resolved to invest in consols enough to afford him a yearly income of \$1,800, which he declared, a gentleman bachelor ought to live upon, and all the rest of his property he as good as gave away to his kindred. He goes over to Rome with nothing more than his splendid personality, which, however, entitles him to rank as the most important accession of recent years to Roman Catholicism."

In answer to a respected correspondent we beg to state: (1) that Protestants reject, as appropriate, the following portions of Holy Scripture:

- The book of Tobit.
- The book of Judith.
- The book of Wisdom.
- The book of Ecclesiasticus.
- The book of Baruch with the epistle of Jeremiah.
- The book of Machabees I.
- The book of Machabees II.
- The book of Esdras III.
- The book of Esdras IV.
- Part of Esther.
- The Song of the Three Children.
- The Idol, Ball, and the Dragon.
- The Story of Susannah.
- The prayer of Manasses.

(2) Catholic children may withdraw during the recitation of the authorized prayers in public schools, and should invariably do so, wherever, and whenever it is at all practicable. An amicable arrangement should if possible be made between Catholic parents, on the one hand, and the trustees and teacher on the other to have these prayers recited before the arrival of Catholic pupils in the morning and after their withdrawal in the afternoon. Every case of "crookedness" on the part of teacher or trustees should be promptly reported to the Minister of Education.

Often read spiritual books; then, like a sheep, ruminates the food thou hast taken, by meditation and a desire to practise the holy doctrine found therein.—St. Antoninus.

## Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

### FATHER DOWD'S FEAST.

And now we turn from Erin's late  
To Erin's sons this day,  
Proud men, heroes, sages, saints,  
To one deep home go pay.

On Wednesday, the 16th inst., the pupils of St. Patrick's school tended their annual entertainment to Rev. Father Dowd on the recurrence of the feast of his patron, St. Patrick. At two o'clock the fated one entered the hall, accompanied by a large number of distinguished clergy and laymen, among whom we noticed Rev. Fathers Dugan of Hartford, Senteune and Gillan of Notre Dame, Toupin and Quilvan of St. Patrick's, Brother Arnold, Mr. J. J. Curran, Q. C., M. P., Dr. Hingston, Messrs. M. E. Ryan, Edward Murphy, James O'Brien and Owen McGarvey.

As the guests began to ascend the stairs St. Patrick's Day was played on piano by ten of the young ladies of the advanced course and on the violin by Rev. Father Martin Callaghan. A welcome song was then sung by the pupils to the number of five hundred. The soloists were Misses May Curran, Alice McShane, Mary Drumm, Maggie O'Connor, Maggie Heelan, N. Foley and C. Lane. When this had been fully applauded, Miss Kate Maloney stepped forward and read an address of welcome. Her oration was perfect, and reflected the greatest credit on her teacher. This was followed by a complimentary recitation entitled "The Priest of God," and was recited by Misses Maggie Heelan, Nellie Foley, Maud Sexton and Mary Drumm.

Bessie Milloy and Alice Whelan, two little tots of six years of age, then repeated two pieces, A Lesson for Mamma and Grandma's Angel. "Irish Diamonds," a most difficult piece of music, was executed with perfect precision by Misses Mary Kerans, Mary Eglington, Aggie Carroll and B. McAnally. It took the little one's festive followed, in which about forty children took part. The next item was a number of pieces about Ireland repeated by some of the juniors.

The address, which was the principal feature of the day, was then recited by Messrs. May Curran, B. Ally, Frankie Donohue, A. McShane, M. Lappin, Maggie Carroll and B. McAnally. It took the form of an oration and elicited the most flattering comments. As each one made known her offering she raised her emblem, and when all were raised, they formed the word "Patrick." This address so struck me that I cannot refrain from giving it to you readers:

I come, dear father, burdened with a load,  
Which aye and naught will take  
And tear itself before the great white throne  
Where seraph songs forever break.  
This burden, dear father, I would give,  
Though on its bearer pressing 'tis  
Its radiant beauty may not be seen  
But on 't will shine in Heaven's light.  
I've pearl and diamond, ruby, sapphire even,  
All linked with chains of pure gold,  
I've chaplets fitting for no earthly queen,  
Their peerless gems say wealth untold.  
But 't's guess, dear father, what my treasure  
Do I seek? 't's increase thy many cares?  
Look at my emblem, dear father, tell,  
My burden is thy children's prayers.

A cluster of roses my name will soon tell,  
One breath of my perfume, you're under my  
spell,  
With fragrance and freshness from Heaven,  
My own best offering, 'tis hid in my dow-  
er.

I tremble a little ere filling my part  
Though I know I am dear to each Sogarth's  
But in meetings like this, where only joy  
is the theme,  
It is rich to bring discord by sorrowful  
 strains.  
Let me tell you at once the cause of my  
 fears  
'Tis that hither I bring, what! Precious  
 Tears  
Yes, tears of contrition by penitents shed  
 All the foot of the cross by thy ministry shed  
 And tears all of love and fervor divine ere  
 gathered by angels  
 This at my own request, and I bring it thee,  
 father, in festive array,  
 With the hope of a welcome this thrice  
 happy day.

The prayers and the tears which my sisters  
 have given  
 Are treasures no doubt most worthy of  
 heaven,  
 Affection's rich guardian I would not dis-  
 claim  
 But a piece of distinction for my gift I claim  
'Tis the reverence profound which each  
 child of our God  
 Feels for the dearest father, our own priest  
 of God.

The joy of Ireland I twine here for thee  
 And the note of my song, 'tis cushie mac-  
 caire

When faith and hope shall live no more  
 One gift divine shall last  
 And sweet to us shall be  
 The memories of the past  
 This gift divine, oh father loved,  
 Within thy soul doth dwell  
 For orphan lone and homeless all  
 Thy charity doth tell.

Most glorious task that falls to my lot  
 And the joy of this eve will not soon be forgot  
 Dear sisters, attention! My emblem speaks  
 loud  
 The King of our hearts is our own Father  
 Dowd.

This was followed by a festal cantata,  
 the solos of which were sung by May  
 Curran and Alice McShane in a very  
 pleasing manner. A musical duet—  
 Visions—then closed a programme which,  
 for originality and taste, could not be sur-  
 passed. The music and singing was en-  
 hanced by violin accompaniment by Rev.  
 W. Callaghan. On the whole the enter-  
 tainment was a most flattering compli-  
 ment to Father Dowd, and showed in the  
 clearest possible manner the deep and ten-  
 der love which the pupils of St. Patrick's  
 School feel for their pastor, and that indeed  
 the King of their hearts is their "Own  
 Father Dowd."  
 C. W. M. M.  
 Montreal, March 26, 1887.

The fear of falling is no security against  
 danger. Work hard and put yourself  
 upon solid ground, and then fear; your  
 safety is then guaranteed, for you will  
 have the grace of God with you to aid you  
 in keeping your vantage ground.

## Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN PICTON.

St. Patrick's day in Picton was observed  
 as usual in a very befitting manner.  
 Solemn High Mass was celebrated at 10.30  
 in the church. Rev. Father Brennan, after  
 mass, delivered a sermon on the life and  
 labors of St. Patrick in a very masterly  
 manner. The church was filled with  
 very large and devout congregation, all  
 anxious to take part in the celebration of  
 Ireland's national day in a devout man-  
 ner. The church was gorgeously decor-  
 ated for the occasion and presented a grand  
 and impressive appearance. The choir  
 rendered "Patricus Rex" in Mass in a  
 very creditable manner.

In the evening a grand concert and  
 lecture was given in the Town Hall. The  
 announcement of the Rev. E. W. Walsh,  
 P. P., of Frankford, to lecture, as was  
 anticipated, was enough to draw a crowded  
 house, as his reputation as a lecturer of  
 marked ability, and his scholarly attain-  
 ments, were well established in the minds  
 of the people of Picton and vicinity.  
 Standing room was not available. The  
 evening Protestants of the town turned  
 out to join with their Catholic friends to  
 do honor to the Patron Saint of Ireland.  
 The stage settings were very appropriate  
 for the occasion, and reflected much  
 credit on the committee in charge of the  
 entertainment. Mayor Reynolds occupied  
 the chair in a very creditable manner.

Rev. Father Brennan said he took great  
 pleasure in introducing to the lec-  
 turer of the evening his young clerical  
 friend Rev. Edward Walsh. He did so  
 with the assurance that the audience will  
 be delighted with his discourse this evening.  
 He came at inconvenience to assist  
 them.

The lecturer stepped forward and was  
 accorded a warm ovation. The subject of  
 the lecture was "Ireland's Faith and Fate."  
 The lecturer vividly portrayed and con-  
 trasted pagan Ireland, clothed in darkness  
 and sin, and Ireland after St. Patrick had  
 planted the tree of Divine Faith, and  
 how through centuries of persecution she  
 still clings to that faith given them through  
 the agency of St. Patrick, unchanged and  
 unshakable; and filled the idea of a few  
 who try to make it appear that if Ireland  
 gets home rule the minority would suffer  
 by reminding them that most of the  
 great leaders of the past have been  
 Protestants.

He alluded to the Grand Old Man, Glad-  
 stone, the mere mention of whose name  
 rent the hall with cheers, one enthusiastic  
 Irishman exclaiming "God spare him."  
 He predicted Home Rule for Ireland  
 would soon come. Although the Govern-  
 ment are trying to force another coercive  
 measure on the people, he looked for their  
 speedy downfall and Gladstone would be  
 summoned to the helm and grant a Par-  
 liament in College Green. The aim and  
 glory of his successful career would then  
 be accomplished. The above is but a short  
 synopsis of the able lecture. The young  
 and reverend gentleman is a most pleasing  
 orator, and held the rapt attention of the  
 audience for an hour while he discoursed  
 in graceful and polished language on his  
 great theme.

At the conclusion of the lecture ex-  
 Mayor Allan moved a vote of thanks to  
 the lecturer for the treat he had given  
 them, expressing himself delighted with  
 his remarks. He hoped ere long the  
 people of Picton would have the oppor-  
 tunity of listening to him again. Dr.  
 Platt, M. P., seconded the motion, and  
 expressed in what the mover said, a Par-  
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 in graceful and polished language on his  
 great theme.

Messrs. Dodd and Larue gave two instru-  
 mental selections on the cornet and piano;  
 both played with great care, as might be  
 expected from such able instrumentalists.  
 Mr. Joe Redmond, jr., sang Joe Murphy's  
 great song, "A Handful of Earth" Mr.  
 Redmond was in splendid voice, he sang  
 brilliantly, and was encored. Miss Car-  
 roll, by the title "The Club," was well  
 received. Mrs. Dr. Platt gave the solo  
 "Oh, How Delightful," very creditably in  
 her usual sweet and powerful voice, and  
 won the applause of the audience. A  
 song by Mr. Wilcock, was rendered well.  
 The pleasing duet, "Maggie and Bernie,"  
 was given in an excellent manner, and the  
 rhythm and intensity of the music brought  
 out the plaudits of the large audience.  
 They responded to the encore and sang,  
 "I Left Ireland Because I was Poor,"  
 which moved many in the audience to  
 tears.

From the Wingham Times.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN WINGHAM.

The 17th of March being the festival of  
 Ireland's national saint, St. Patrick, a  
 grand concert was given in honor of the  
 event, in the town hall here, on the even-  
 ing of that day. The interior of the hall  
 was neatly and tastefully decorated for  
 the occasion, and the large audience which  
 completely filled the building was treated  
 to a very rich programme, arranged by  
 Jas. A. Hine. P. Flannigan performed  
 the duties of chairman in an efficient  
 manner, and in opening the proceed-  
 ings made a short and appropriate  
 speech. The introduction, "Whispers  
 from Erin," a piano solo, was per-  
 formed by Miss Lynn, of Blyth, in  
 which that young lady fully maintained  
 her high reputation as a musician. "An  
 Irishman's Toast" was sung by Mrs. C. J.

Tracey, of Stratford, in style becoming  
 such a beautiful sentiment. Miss McCabe  
 sang "There's a dear spot in Ireland" in a  
 most charming manner, which elicited well  
 merited applause. A trio "Floating o'er  
 the Starlit Waves," by Misses Billingsley,  
 Patterson and Houghton, was a vocal and  
 instrumental gem, and was rendered in  
 their best style. "I am Getting a Big  
 Boy Now," a comic song in character, by  
 Mr. Shane, of Blyth, took the audience by  
 storm, and for an encore he gave "My  
 Angel Brother's Pants" which elicited roars  
 of laughter. C. J. Tracey, of Stratford,  
 sang "The Minstrel Boy" in a full, rich  
 voice, peculiarly adapted to that beauti-  
 ful melody. Mrs. T. O'Neill, of Brussels,  
 followed with "Katie's Letter," a lovely  
 ballad which was rendered with great  
 earnestness, vividly portraying Katie's  
 faith in her letter. Mrs. O'Neill has a  
 powerful voice, which was displayed to  
 good advantage in the song of the "Kerry  
 Dance," in the second part of the pro-  
 gramme. F. W. Tanner, of Blyth, sang  
 in character "Dan Donohue, the Dublin  
 Carman," with such acceptance that  
 another song was demanded of him,  
 when he gave the "Rifle for a Stove." As  
 an Irish comedian Mr. Tanner is quite  
 a success, and he has the brogue as  
 rich and sweet as though he had  
 kissed the "Barney stone." "Matri-  
 monial Sweets," was sung by Mr. and  
 Mrs. Tracey, who were heartily encored,  
 and which they bowed their acknowledg-  
 ments. The second part of the pro-  
 gramme was opened by Lawrence Tracey  
 dancing an Irish jig in good old style.  
 This brought the audience to their feet  
 so they could get a good look at the  
 minstrel as he moved gracefully to and  
 fro on the platform to the lively air of  
 the "Irish Washerwoman." One of  
 the most pleasing events of the evening  
 was the singing of "When ye Gang Awa,  
 Jamie," by Miss Norma Dinsley and Miss  
 May Brennan, who appeared in Highland  
 costume. The singing and acting of  
 these two children was charming and  
 perfect, and it is almost needless to say  
 that they were enthusiastically encored. In  
 response they sang "Reuben and Rachel,"  
 for which they were also roundly ap-  
 plauded. C. J. Tracey sang "The Anchor  
 is Weighed," and Miss McCabe sang "A  
 Handful of Earth," which were well re-  
 ceived. "Teddy and Dan's Parting," by  
 Messrs. Shane and Tanner, was a piece of  
 good singing and acting, and elicited an  
 encore. Miss Cook, of Goderich, played  
 some of the accompaniments, while Miss  
 Lynn played the accompaniments for  
 Messrs. Tanner and Shane. The singing  
 of "God Save the Queen" brought to a  
 close one of the most pleasant and suc-  
 cessful entertainments ever held in Wing-  
 ham.

## Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ST. MARY'S.

The Catholic congregation of St. Mary's,  
 ever in the front ranks where question of  
 religion or nationality is concerned, cele-  
 brated the feast of St. Patrick this year in  
 a manner creditable alike to themselves  
 and to their good pastor, Rev. Father  
 Brennan.

High Mass was celebrated in the morn-  
 ing, followed by an eloquent sermon, which  
 touched the heart of every Irishman pre-  
 sent. In the evening a grand concert was  
 given, which certainly equalled, if not  
 surpassed, anything of the kind heretofore  
 attempted in this town. Perhaps the well-  
 filled hall in-pired the performers, for all  
 did their parts in an exceedingly accept-  
 able manner. The instrumental music by  
 Messrs. Ford, Messrs. Allen and Butcher  
 was all that could be desired, and Miss Ford's  
 accompaniments all through showed that  
 thorough sympathy between accompanist  
 and singer which enhances the beauties of  
 song. The vocal selections of Miss Steph-  
 enson were very sweetly given, while Miss  
 Colley also sang her numbers with much  
 taste. Dr. Sippi, though suffering from a  
 severe cold, did himself full justice in "The  
 Meeting of the Waters" and "The Kerry  
 Dance." The Dr. is a favorite in St.  
 Mary's. Mr. Fleming's "They all love  
 Jack" and Mr. McKeough's "Why Paddy's  
 always Poor" received well-merited  
 applause. A quartet by Messrs. Bonah,  
 Barron, Fleming and McKeough was also  
 well received. But perhaps the chief  
 feature of the evening was the selections  
 by our gifted elocutionist, Miss Knox.  
 This young lady's captivating appearance  
 wins for her at once the good will of her  
 audience, and she so heartily enters into  
 the spirit of her selections that one could  
 almost imagine the scenes portrayed by  
 her to be actually before him. We have  
 seldom, if ever, listened to anything more  
 genuinely entertaining than the rendering  
 of "The First Settler's Story," while those  
 who were present will not soon forget  
 "The Juers."

On the whole this concert was a grand  
 success, financially as well as otherwise,  
 the net proceeds amounting to the hand-  
 some sum of \$164. This must be gratify-  
 ing to the rev. pastor, and to the ladies of  
 the congregation, who so generously  
 assisted him in disposing of the tickets.

## BOOK NOTICES.

History of the Catholic Church Within  
 the Limits of the United States, from the  
 First Attempted Colonization to the Pres-  
 ent Time, with portraits, views, maps  
 and fac-similes. By John Gilmary Shea,  
 Vol. I.—The Catholic Church in Colonial  
 Days, the Thirteen Colonies—the Ottawa  
 and Illinois Country—Louisiana—Florida  
 —Texas—New Mexico and Arizona, 1621-  
 1763. 8vo, Illustrated, 665 pages. New  
 York, John Gilmary Shea; 1886.

Archbishop Seghers is a fit representa-  
 tive of the Church as the pioneer of civil-  
 ization. He has gone to Alaska with the  
 object, as he has expressed it, "of explor-  
 ing countries never before visited, and of  
 laboring among natives never before  
 preached to by missionaries of any denom-  
 ination."

## A NOTORIOUS HUMBUG CLEVERLY BROUGHT TO BOOK.

The following letter of Rev. Dr. Kil-  
 roy, will explain itself. It reminds us of  
 a bon mot of the Venerable Monsignor  
 Bruyere, apropos of the reception given  
 the notorious Widdows by some of our  
 Protestant fellow-citizens, viz., "If a lie  
 against the Catholic Church were as big  
 as the rock of Gibraltar some credulous  
 Protestants would try to swallow it." When  
 will the reign of such impostors have  
 an end?

To the Editor of the *Stratford Daily Herald*.  
 Sir,—I challenged the truth of the  
 assertion made by Rev. Mr. Beauty in  
 the Methodist Church, viz., "Three-  
 fourths of the adult population of Quebec  
 can neither read nor write." I asked him  
 to prove his assertion or I would brand  
 him as a "humbug." Wincing under this  
 threat he undertakes in last night's *Herald*  
 to make good his statement by the fol-  
 lowing: "My proof is in the best statistics  
 that can be had of the Province and nearly all  
 writers on the subject." As he gives no  
 statistics, nor the name of any writers on  
 the subject, I will. They cover a genera-  
 tion.

Education Dept, 24th March, 1887.

REV. E. B. KILROY, D. D.  
 Sir,—It would not be possible to  
 show the number of illiterate persons in  
 any of the Provinces, but table on next  
 page will show that preacher's statement  
 cannot be correct. You will see that a  
 generation is covered by the figures.  
 FROM ANNUAL REPORTS, QUEBEC AND  
 ONTARIO, 1884.

Year	Total Popula- tion	Illiterate males	Illiterate females	Percentage of illiterate males to total population	Percentage of illiterate females to total population
1854	307,261	117,757	15,465	38.32	5.03
1861	352,041	124,468	17,444	35.35	4.95
1868	410,664	138,739	17,442	33.78	4.24
1875	439,967	151,696	18,642	34.49	4.24
1884	519,027	250,000	18,400	48.16	3.54
1884	519,027	499,957	24,400	96.34	4.72

These are the figures in the education  
 department, Toronto, and they show  
 beyond cavil that Rev. Mr. B's statistics  
 exist only in his imagination.  
 The second assertion of his runs as fol-  
 lows—"I have known men giving in  
 their wills, as much as twenty five thou-  
 sand dollars, to a priest to pray their souls  
 out of Purgatory." I called for proof  
 that he knew such men. He proves this  
 assertion as follows—"Proof is found in  
 the history of the prefigate King of  
 Spain—a recent history of F. X. Beaudry."  
 This is proof with a vengeance, as the  
 following will show—

To Rev. E. B. Kilroy, D. D.

Montreal, March 25.—Mayor Beauty  
 certainly did not will any considerable  
 sum for masses. J. QUINLIVAN,  
 St. Patrick's Church.  
 He next asserted that he had a cousin  
 an Ursuline nun in an Ursuline Convent  
 in St. Hyacinthe. I asked him to prove  
 it. He replies—"I refer Rev. Dr. Kilroy  
 to Bishop Moreau." I took him at his  
 word. So I telegraphed to St. Hyacinthe  
 this morning as follows—"Is there an  
 Ursuline Convent in St. Hyacinthe?" I  
 received for reply: "There is not."  
 Signed, J. R. QUELLETTE, President St.  
 Hyacinthe Seminary.

As to the two millions of dollars paid  
 priests in Quebec to pray souls out of  
 purgatory, he refers me to the "Alma-  
 nach of Souls in Purgatory," published by  
 Ties Ordre, a company of religious in  
 Montreal. I have simply to state there  
 is no such order, no such publication  
 authorized by Catholics in Montreal.

I leave it to the public to judge what  
 credence can be placed in the statements  
 of a clergyman who is either so ignorant  
 of the subject on which he presumes to  
 speak or so willing to wilfully misrep-  
 resent facts. I told him unless he proved  
 his assertions I branded him as a humbug.  
 He has failed to prove them, therefore he  
 is a humbug. Yours truly,  
 E. B. KILROY, D. D.

## THE SCOTCH CROFTERS.

In the course of the debate on the  
 address, in reply to the speech from the  
 Throne, in the Imperial Parliament Dr.  
 Cameron moved as an amendment the  
 insertion of the following paragraph:

Humblly to represent to Your Majesty  
 that recent events in Skye and Tiree, and  
 the general administration of justice in  
 the Highlands, have caused serious con-  
 cern to the people of Scotland, and  
 demand full inquiry.

This amendment, refused by the gov-  
 ernment, was debated as usual, and  
 finally negatived by 253 to 136. We are  
 pleased to know that the Irish National  
 party voted in a body for the amend-  
 ment. The interests of the Scotch and  
 Irish tenantry are identical, as are the  
 interests of both countries in every  
 respect. One of the most pleasing in-  
 dications of Ireland's success in her struggle  
 for Home Rule, is the support given her  
 just claims by the Scottish nation. When  
 a people of the vigorous intellectuality  
 and clearness of judgment, combined with  
 the stern resolution of the Scottish nation,  
 see their way to the endorsement of a polit-  
 ical platform, that platform must, of  
 certainty, be endowed with much, to com-  
 mend it to the favor of the public at large.  
 Scotland by her vote at the last general  
 election placed Ireland under a debt of  
 gratitude which the latter is anxious to  
 repay, as the votes of her representatives  
 in favor of justice to the crofters honor-  
 ably and incontestably prove.