

the Act is unconstitutional, it undertakes to evade the law by making denominational schools unworkable, and to aim at procuring a constitutional amendment which will empower the majority to impose an oppressive law especially on the Catholic minority.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is announced that Mr. George Babcock Hazard, of St. Joseph's parish, Newport, R. I., intends to erect a beautiful new church for the parish, as a memorial of his conversion to the Catholic faith.

in England; but it does not appear that the new system is an improvement on the old. Lord Salisbury has the presentation to fifty-eight livings.

The Orange convention, which met at Ulster and passed resolutions which were represented as likely to shake the British Empire to its foundations, has turned out to have been a very flat and harmless affair after all.

OUR SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

Large and Efficient Convention of Separate School Teachers held last Week in the City of Toronto.

Among the many assemblies of Catholic teachers which have, during the current season, afforded so much gratification to the friends of Separate schools, there has been none more distinguished or more successful than the recent convention of Sisters of St. Joseph teaching in the archdiocese of Toronto.

These patriotic utterances accord with his sentiments expressed on former occasions when he strongly denounced the oppression to which the Irish people have been subjected, and declared that Protestantism has no reason to dread that any evil will result to it from Irish autonomy.

It has been discovered that the Rev. John Edwards, who has been the domestic chaplain at Hatfield House, the residence of Lord Salisbury, was habitually guilty of gross immoralities, which were at last settled by the removal of the guilty clergyman from his position, and his appointment as rector of Essendon, a living three miles from Hatfield House, to which Lord Salisbury has the presentation of an incumbent.

interesting manner; a lesson in grammar, quite scientifically handled and with much interest to the audience; a thesis on "How to teach Writing," which omitted no important feature in teaching this very valuable subject, both in theory and practice.

The second day's business began, like the first, with the singing of the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus," after which succeeded in regular order: A lesson in Arithmetic, cleverly exhibiting how the combinations of twelve may be taught to the best advantage; a paper on Composition, going thoroughly into the nature of the subject and dealing with methods of teaching it in a way to make the work deservedly popular; a lesson in Calligraphy, applied and elegantly illustrated.

The business of the third day began with a lecture by the Rev. J. R. Toefy, C. S. B., which, of the practical exercises of the Convention, was perhaps the most useful to the members.

The Sisters' exercises then followed. A paper on "Literary Style" was first read, on which it was quite apparent the lady had bestowed profound thought, as the development showed deep erudition and a thorough acquaintance with the subject.

THE APPEAL TO HISTORY.

London Catholic News.

Anti-Catholic writers in England and America seem never to become weary of telling their readers that the late Cardinal Manning once said that an appeal to the testimony of history against the present teaching of the Church, is heresy.

Surely, however, when our Protestant friends make themselves merry over what they choose to call the Cardinal's obscurantism, they show gross ignorance of the grounds on which Catholics accept the Divine revelation.

Every Catholic believes that the Church is his instructor. That she has received from our Lord the command to teach all nations, and that from her present teaching there cannot be an appeal either to the Bible or to history. The old theory invented by the sixteenth century innovators was that everybody might, and indeed ought to, test the teaching of the Church of his own time by "the written word."

The appeal to history rests on precisely the same ground as the appeal to Holy Scripture. As Catholics we receive our faith from neither the one nor the other, but from that living voice which God has promised us shall lead us to all truth; but the treasure-house of history is but one degree less valuable to mankind than Holy Scripture itself.

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The ingenuity of almost anyone who has studied Church history can suggest difficulties more or less serious, but a difficulty is a very far different thing from a doubt. We cannot doubt that the Church has taught us to be true, for we receive her message on the authority of God, so we may well wait in patience till future discoveries clear up what is at present vague and doubtful; and if they never be cleared up in this world at all, though the loss may be great as a matter of historical science, it can no more effect the veracity of some half dozen pages from the middle of some old manuscript chronicle can shake the truthfulness of that which remains.

THE TORONTO MAIL HEARD FROM.

Canadian Freeman.

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