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QUEBEC TROUBLES.—Among the phenomena of the day is the remarkable way in which the unfortunate French Canadians have sunk into the same "slough of despond" as the people of the South of Ireland and South of Italy. Romanism seems to sap the life-blood of human energy wherever it prevails.

"OVERCHURCHED."—There are not wanting ominous signs that the Church has been subdividing too rapidly in some American cities. It is a question whether the process of consolidation (of weak parishes) now going on in New York on this account should not be applied in Toronto and other large cities. Time works curious changes among Church congregations everywhere.

DECOY DUCKS.—The reconciliation of Father McGlynn suggests a memory of many suspicious cases where priests have wandered from the Roman obedience for a while only, to return "to the fold" presently, with much *clat* for the Church—and some converts.

"BISHOPHURST" AND "BISHOPGARTH."—The former of these two words is becoming rather a favourite title for Episcopal residences on this side of the Atlantic. The latter name, however, has been selected for the new See House of the diocese of Wakefield, and is probably the more correct and significant of the two.

STILL THEY GO!—The departure of such men as Dr. Gammack and Rev. G. H. Gaviller for the neighbouring Republic makes a new wound in the side of the Canadian Church. We can ill spare such men from our ranks, though we do not grudge their promotion, or removal to positions of greater influence and comfort.

ANOTHER ROMAN "STORY" NAILED.—The N.Y. *Catholic Champion* calls attention to a recent manufacture of the N.Y. *Catholic News* and London *St. James' Gazette* in regard to the reported conversion of the Nestorians of Asia to Romanism. The patriarch Shimoon has authorized full contradiction of the "story."

THE CLERGY AND THE POOR.—Writing of the special fitness of the Anglican curate or parish priest for work on Poverty Commissions, *Church Times* well says, "The absence of a parochial cure (among dissenters), the itineracy of the ministers of one form of dissent, and generally the looseness of the tie that binds the dissenting chapel to a particular locality, has left the material interests of the poor to the parochial clergy."

"GODLY JEALOUSY."—That jealous scrutiny (for God's honour) which watches all features of Divine worship, lest anything unworthy should be allowed to defile the action, is well exemplified in a recent English controversy as to the use of "everlasting flowers" in decorations, some people imagining that they are "artificial."

THE "MISSING LINK" in Darwin's chain of Evolution is still "missing" among the fossils and survivals of nature. If it is not soon discovered, the advocates of evolution will be inclined to seek some new theory of creation and development.

THE 'EPISCOPACY' WAVE seems to be rising higher and higher. The net result of the Grindelwald Conference was a practical confession of the superiority of the Episcopal system and strength of the Anglican position. A *Church Times* correspondent gives prominence to our recent article on Increase of the Episcopate. So the work of revival goes on 'from shore to shore.'

THE CROSS IN IRELAND as a symbol of Christianity has been generally deprecated and contemned. The result of the recent attack in the case of an altar cross in Dublin, has been to emphasize the legality of the symbol in other parts of the church—on screen and spire and porch, as well as generally in the structure and services.

FATHER MATURIN is still reputed in *statu quo*, although his transfer to the Roman obedience has been falsely alleged so many times of late years. The same is true of Brother Ignatius. The Roman agents must be 'hard up' for real converts when they 're-hash' so often these old stories.

REDUCING CHURCH DEBTS.—The noble rivalry of this good work among churches in the eastern States is very remarkable. The various rectors are taking the returning tide of commercial prosperity 'at its flow.' Cheques of \$10,000 are rolling in steadily, and debts of \$100,000 or over are being rapidly obliterated.

THE TELEPHONE has lately seen a remarkable extension of its usefulness over long distances. The thousand-mile telephone line between New York and Chicago is now open. At the inaugural ceremony forty-two receivers were employed, and, notwithstanding this, conversation could be heard perfectly. A cornet solo was also quite audible, but was no doubt toned down by distance.

THE COUNCIL OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCHMEN'S ALLIANCE have lately met to consider the question of the proposed amalgamation of certain evangelical organizations. Lord Grimthorpe presided, and there was a large attendance. A sub-committee was appointed to discuss the suggested amalgamation with a similar body chosen for that purpose by the Union of Clerical and Lay Associations. There is an impression that these two organizations will agree to combine and to carry on their work under a new name.

IN REPLY TO A REQUEST FROM GENERAL BOOTH, Commander of the Salvation Army, Gen. Sir Frederick Ponsonby, the Queen's Private Secretary and Keeper of the Privy Purse, has written a note saying that her Majesty regrets her inability to subscribe to the fund being raised by Gen. Booth for the purpose of providing a dinner for the poor