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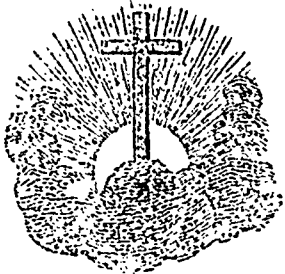
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1844.

It being the wish expressed to us by many of our subscribers, that a larger portion of the public (particularly Irish) news should be communicated to them in the columns of our paper; and finding besides that all along we have been losers by undertaking so exclusively the defence of our Holy Religion; in order to free ourselves from all further responsibility in the concern, we have made over to our Printer, what remains of our publication for the current year, on condition that it retains its Catholic character. We know him to be well capable of giving satisfaction to the public in the political and News Department, and we shall continue, ourselves, as long as we can, and have hitherto *disinterestedly* done, to furnish the religious part of the work. We fondly hope and earnestly entreat our people to encourage the undertaking, and all our subscribers in arrears to pay up honestly, what they owe, otherwise they will be to blame before God, and man, not only for their own injustice, but for shutting out from others the sacred light of truth, which, like the children of darkness, they abhor and shun themselves.

The subscriptions, as usual, may be forwarded to ourselves.

In assuming the charge of conducting the CATHOLIC, it is right that we should state to our readers the principles upon which it shall be conducted henceforth. Hitherto it has been dedicated almost exclusively to religious matters, and it has been a subject frequently complained of as a hardship by many of our subscribers, that while being unable to bear the expense of taking two papers, they have been left in ignorance of the leading matters of political importance. It is therefore our intention to devote a reasonable portion of the co-

lumn of the Catholic to the dissemination of the news of the day.

In taking this step, our readers have a right to be informed as to the political principles upon which it will be conducted. In the present important political crisis, neutrality is out of the question. We have ever been liberal in our political views; and, consequently, in favor of RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, as declared by the famous Resolutions in the House of Assembly of 1841. These resolutions shall be our guide in their plain, unequivocal sense, which is the same as that entertained by the late Ministry. Although we eschew neutrality as incompatible with the times, and unreasonable when great political principles are at stake, we shall always be ready to deal justly and generously by our political opponents. As far as possible, we shall avoid all personalities, confining ourselves to the dissemination of principles. We cannot remain indifferent spectators of the great struggle for constitutional rights now going on throughout the British American Provinces; and shall, upon all occasions, render our humble support of the principles we entertain.

We beg on this occasion to express our heart-felt thanks for the kind indulgence which our Subscribers have extended to us since the commencement of our journal; and we trust that the change which we now announce will not induce any of our Agents or Subscribers to withdraw their patronage.

The publication in full in this number of Mr. O'Connell's speech, prevents the insertion of a number of interesting articles that we hope to give next week.

PEEL'S JUSTICE TO THE IRISH TRAVELERS.—No correct copy of the indictment supplied to them, contrary to law and to English practice: the names of the witnesses withheld contrary to law and to English practice: the witnesses sworn in secret, and not in open court, contrary to law, both in England and Ireland: the striking off the jury of all men of the Catholic faith, contrary to Christian charity and common justice; and the suppression of nearly one-tenth of the entire jury panel, contrary to law, principle, and all fair dealing—thee are the preparations for a great act of justice, in the year 1844, in the time of a Tory government; but after all—and greatest shame of all—in the Premiership of Sir Robert Peel. We had hoped better things from him, but it appears we hoped in vain; the regret is now ours—the eternal infamy which these proceedings must entail upon their concocters, will attach equally to their abettors, and will be his.—Sun.

1844.
CALENDAR
FOR THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO,
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APRIL.

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| 1. Mon. | Ad. L. ad H. ant. prop. | 2. P |
| 2. Tues | or. Mis. Pro. Ecc. vel pro. | P |
| 3. Wed. | Papa. Sine 3. | P |
| 4. Thur. | Maunday Thursday, double of the 1st class. | W |
| 5. Fri. | Good Friday, dbl. of 1st class. | Blk. |
| 6. Sat. | Holy Saturday. Dbl. of 1st class. After Complin, Regna Cæli At mass | W |
| 7. Sun. | Easter Sunday. dbl. 1st class. | W |
| 8. Mon. | Easter Monday, dbl. 1st class. | W |
| 9. Tues. | Easter Tuesday, dbl. 1st class. | W |
| 10. Wed. | Of the Octave, Semi double. | W |
| 11. Thur. | Of the Octave, Semi double. | W |
| 12. Fri. | Of the Octave, Semi dbl. Absin. | W |
| 13. Sat. | Of the Octave, Semi double. | W |
| 14. Sun. | Low Sunday, double. Vespers of the following. | W |
| 15. Mon. | S. Francis of Paula, conf. double (2 April.) | W |
| 16. Tues. | S. Isidorus, Bish. conf. and Doct. of the church, dbl. (4 April.) | W |
| 17. Wed. | S. Anicetus P. and M. dbl. Excepta 1st lectione prim. Nocturni. omnia de com. Mart. 1 emp. pasch. | R |
| 18. Thur. | S. Vincent Ferrer, conf. dbl. (5 April.) | W |
| 19. Fri. | S. Leo, Pope, conf. doct. dbl. (11 April) Abstinence. | W |
| 20. Sat. | S. Hermenegild, Martyr. Semi double (13 April.) | R |
| 21. Sun. | 2nd Sun. alt. East. S. Anselm B. Conf. Dr. Double. | W |
| 22. Mon. | SS. Soter and Caus. PP. and MM. Double. | R |
| 23. Tues. | S. George, M. semi-double. | R |
| 24. Wed. | S. Fidelis, M. Double. | R |
| 25. Thurs. | S. Mark, Evangelist, dbl. of 2nd class. Latimes. | R |
| 26. Fri. | SS. Cletus and Marcellinus, Popes and MM. Double. Abstin. | R |
| 27. Sat. | Office of the immaculate conception of B.V.M. Semi-double. | W |
| 28. Sun. | 3rd Sun. af. East. Patronage of S. Joseph. Dbl. 2nd class. | W |
| 29. Mon. | S. Peter, Martyr Double. | R |
| 30. Tues. | S. Catharine of Siena, V & M double. | R |

NOTE.—Litania Sacrorum de precepto recitanda in festo S. Marci et in iudicio Rogationum nequeunt adiri, qui non intersunt processionibus, antequam die preceant, sed recitari debent in eadem die in qua cadunt. S. R. C. die 23 Martii, 1775.

The Rejoinder of the Catholic Layman to the Reply of the Rev. R. C. Grunley, Louisville, printed By B. J. Webb and Brother.

A discourse against Catholics, delivered by the above named Presbyterian minister in Springfield, Ky. a famous battle ground, where Presbyterian ministers, are wont to reap laurels, gave occasion to an able pamphlet from the pen of a Convert. This provoked a reply, which has been followed by a Rejoinder full of learning, and sound reasoning. The zealous writer concludes, by addressing his fellow citizens who still err in the way in which he once strayed.—Catholic Herald.

"In conclusion, I feel disposed to say a few words to my Protestant friends in Springfield and vicinity; many of whom I highly esteem, to all of whom I wish well. To their calm consideration I submit the following indisputable FACTS:

1st. It is a FACT, that Christ established a church on earth, to teach his revelation to men, promised the Holy Spirit to guide her, and commanded men to hear her.

2dly. It is a FACT, that if this church still exists, she has acquired the venerable age of eighteen hundred years; if she does not exist, the promise of the God-man has failed.

3dly. It is a FACT, that no Protestant sect can be traced back further than three hundred years.

4thly. It is a FACT, that in the first age of Christianity, the faithful were guided by the church, which was established before any part of the New Testament was written.

5thly. It is a FACT, that the Church established the canon of scripture, though not till several hundred years had passed away.

6thly. It is then, clearly a FACT, that the early Christians did not rely for their faith on the private interpretation of a book, which had no existence a part of the time, and whose limits and authenticity were not defined for three hundred years.

7thly. It is a FACT, that before the art of printing was discovered, not more than one in a thousand of the people could read, and not more than one in a thousand was able to buy a bible if he could have read.

8thly. It is a FACT, that after the art of printing was discovered and the people learned to read and could procure bibles, that the experiment of private interpretation resulted in the production of a "thousand and one" discordant sects, instead of that unity for which the Saviour prayed.

9thly. It is a FACT, that all the nations which have been converted to Christianity, were converted by the preaching and teaching of the church, and not by the reading of the bible.

10thly. These FACTS establish another FACT, namely: that Christ never designed private interpretation as the means by which men should be taught Christianity, and preserved in unity and concord.

11thly. It is a FACT, which all admit, that the Catholic Church has not changed within the last three hundred years; whilst all the sects have been changing around her.

And, 12thly. It may be the FACT that this Catholic church has never changed, (for aught you know to the contrary,) but is the same now that she was eighteen centuries ago. I invite your attention to these FACTS. I feel as much solicitude for your well being as others, who may be more noisy in their professions, and I now express that solicitude and good-will, by inviting you to investigate the claims of *The Church of the Saints and the Martyrs*.

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Lancaster—Mr R McDonald, lot 18, con: 7.—7s 6d
Aylmer—Mr. Carney, (Pembroke) omitted last week, 7s. 6d.