can make between obedience to law and the Constitution or an ignoring of them, let them try it. If "the Dominion of Canada sympathizes with the Manitoba minority and recognizes the justness of their grievance," let them show that sympathy in the only practical manner possible, by obeying the mandate of the Imperial Privy Council judgment and restoring to that minority its constitutional liberties and rights. By refusing to do so, they will only perpetuate the strife and possibly bring about the disruption of Confederation.

#### FATHER SEARLE.

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people permission to commit sin. We do not blame you for teaching that to your children, if you really believe it; but we know that it is false. We know that an indulgence is not a permission to commit sin; that every Catholic would be horrified at the idea of a permission to commit sin being given under any circumstances, and much more that it should be sold. We cannot tolerate instruction being given to our children which falsely represents the Church as a monster of iniquity. And so with regard to other matters which Protestants hardly notice, and which, perhaps, slip in here and there in connection with almost any subject, so much have they been accustomed to take false statements against the Church for granted, and even to consider them as self-evident truths. As, for example, the common representation in geographies of countries as being "enlightened" simply because they are Protestant, while Catholic ones are barely recognized as "civilized," if even that courtesy is allowed them. We want our children to learn facts, not opinions. We do not want to fling mud at Protestants. or represent them as holding doctrines which they themselves disclaim; and if any such statements can be found in our books, we are ready to expunge them instantly. But if they will not do the same for us, we must have our own books; that is all there is about it. And we have no desire to represent Protestants or infidels as grovelling in ignorance or laziness; we give them full credit for what they have done and are doing in the natural order, and simply insist that they shall give us credit for what we have also done; if they will not do us justice, we must do it ourselves.

Try, then, to get rid of these bugbears which have been baunting the English mind for centuries about our wanting to subject this country to the Pope; these visions of armies of Jesuits, in or out of disguise, who want to control the politics of the nation for the temporal aggrandizement of the Church. We would like to convert you all to the Catholic faith, that is true; but we want to do so by reason and truth, not by force or trickery. And we desire your conversion for your own sake, not for any advantage it is going to bring to us. The Pope does not want any temporal power or kingdom, except so much as is needed to make him independent of the nations se that he can freely exercise his spiritual office, without fear of interference or undue influence from any of them. He would not take the Presidency, or even the permanent sovereignty, of this or any other country, except that of which he has been unjustly deprived. He has got Quite enough to attend to as it is.

What he wants, and what we all want, is simply to have in fact what all Americans have in theory; that is, freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, as long as by so doing we do not injure the liberty or the rights of others. That is the whole matter in a nutshell, though your prejudices may make it hard for you to believe it.

#### ST. MARY'S ACADEMY

Literary Club.

On Monday evening last the large reception hall in St. Mary's Academy resounded with music, poetry and song. The occasion of this pleasant event was the usual monthly meeting of all the members belonging to the "Literary Club." This society, or club, as the young ladies are pleased to call it, was organized at the beginning of the present scholastic year, and comprises all the pupils of the 7th, 8th and 9th, standards. The object of the society, is of course, to improve its members in their literary acquirements, and by public conversations and disputes on the works of the principal authors, to awaken in their young minds a lively taste for literature. That they have already succeeded to a great extent in realizing this object was clearly evident to everyone who had the pleasure, on Monday evening, of witnessing the execution of the following interesting programme:

#### PROGRAMME.

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Opening duet, L. Boire and B. Dubuc. Chorus-"The Harp that Once Through Tara's Hall;" conversation, "Life and Works of Moore," chorus and recitation, "Hohenlinden," by the elecution class, convent; also several ex-graduates and Conversation, "Life and Works of Camp- former pupils of the Academy. At the bell;" recitation, "The Exile of Erin," by L. Becher. Music, "National Melodies," Marrin came forward and in a few very by mandolinists-B. Stanford, E. Grasse, appropriate words thanked all present M. O'Brien, M. Tennant and L. Becher for their kind attention throughout the accompanied by L. Daunais. Quotations proceedings. A few words from Rev. from our poets: Chorus recitation, Father Guillet complimenting the pupils "Auction Extraordinary;" music, "Violin on their literary attainments, brought Solo," by C. Denholm; composition, "An | the meeting to a close; and all retired Imaginary Visit to the Home of the greatly satisfied with the pleasure af-Poets," by E. O'Donnell; song, "Believe forded them by the young ladies of St. me if all these Endearing Young Mary's Academy Literary club. Charms;" recitation, "We are Seven,"

by M. Denholm; chorus recitation, "The Skylark"; "Wordsworth's Address to Milton," by B. Stanford; composition, "Our Poets of the Evening," by M. Tierney; chorus, "Auld Lang Syne."

Amongst those present were Rev. Fathers Guillet and O'Dwyer, Rev. Mother Provincial and Sisters of the completion of the programme Miss M.

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