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SILVER JUBILEE.

The most important event in Catholic circles in Canada during the past week was the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of His Grace the Archbishop of Ottawa.

His Grace has every reason to look backward with pardonable pride and pleasure. To him was committed a great and important charge, and nobly has he fulfilled the trust.

That many more years of usefulness will be given the beloved prelate of Ottawa is the heartfelt wish and prayer of the publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

TAKING ALARM.

The Presbyterian Synod of New York state met at Troy on the 20th of October, and passed a resolution expressing sorrow and alarm on account of the increasing tendency toward a lower regard for the sacrament of the marriage tie.

SIM TAPPERTIT AGAIN.

John Konsit in a speech at Odham a few days ago said: "The cry of No Popery can be raised now at any moment, for the spirit of Cromwell is abroad."

IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Rev. Father McKinnon, Catholic chaplain of the First California Volunteers, stated in a lecture recently delivered that the Jesuit Fathers in the Philippines are engaged in studying English in their monastery in Manila, and, to illustrate the manner in which they have adapted themselves to the present new conditions, he exhibited a slide showing sixty of these Fathers, many of whom are white haired, studying their A B C's in English.

We commend this to the attention of those enthusiastic Protestant missionaries who are going to convert the Filipinos. They will find the Jesuits ahead of them. They already speak Spanish and the native dialects. Now they are studying English, in order to deal diplomatically with the Americans.

HON. F. R. LATCHFORD.

We are pleased to be able to state that on all hands satisfaction is expressed at the appointment of Hon. F. R. Latchford as Minister of Public Works for the Province of Ontario.

DIVORCES IN MICHIGAN.

Judge Newham, of the Superior Court of Michigan, has taken a very decided stand against the granting of divorce decrees, and since May has allowed only seven divorces, while the circuit courts have granted one hundred and seven.

"I wish there were no such thing allowed by law as divorces. I don't believe in them, and if I had my way I would not allow them at all, except possibly upon scriptural grounds, and I don't know as I would even then."

THE POPE'S LETTER TO THE BRAZILIAN BISHOPS.

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII, has addressed an important letter to the Bishops of Brazil, in which he praises the efforts they have made during recent years for the spiritual welfare of the people of that country, and especially for their having established several religious congregations whose work it is to educate youth.

THE PAN-PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL.

The Westminister, one of the Toronto Presbyterian organs, states that at the Council of Presbyterian Churches of the world, the Canadian Presbyterian Church showed to great advantage in several respects.

THE DIVORCE QUESTION.

It may be remembered by many of our readers that in 1898 efforts were made by influential parties in the Church of England in Canada, and the Episcopal Church in the United States, to have a new Canon adopted which should materially change the attitude of the clergy in regard to the marriage of divorced persons.

LATITUDINARIANISM DOMINATING.

The Rev. B. F. De Costa, of New York city, who is one of those Episcopalian clergymen who have taken a bold stand against the introduction of Latitudinarianism or Agnosticism into the Church, within the last few days resigned his position in the Episcopal ministry into the hands of Bishop Potter.

The immediate reason for Rev. Mr. De Costa's resignation seems to have been the admission of Rev. Dr. Briggs, now an ex professor of Biblical exegesis in Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary of New York, to orders in the Episcopal Church.

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