

Why! it is the boast of our Protestant...

If indeed the Irish Catholic had no higher aim...

We are sorry to see our esteemed friend, the Boston Pilot...

Nor will Canada alone profit by the adoption of this policy...

Now, in the United States, so great is the numerical superiority of Protestantism...

On Thursday, the 17th instant, the Festival of the Ascension...

We read in the Courier de St. Hyacinthe that the Triduum in honor of the promulgation of the Immaculate Conception...

The Journal de Quebec gives a formal contradiction to the rumors that have of late been circulated...

The "Elective Legislative Council Bill" has been thrown out on the second reading in the Legislative Council by a majority of six.

A NEW "SCHOOL LAW."—We are happy to learn from Quebec that a ministerial measure has been introduced into the Legislative Assembly...

MILITARY DEFENCES.—A very important document has been laid before the Provincial Legislature, explaining the intentions of the Imperial Government with respect to the Military Defences of the Canadas.

CROWN LANDS.—Dispatches from Lord Panmure to the Canadian authorities have been laid before the Legislature, recommending the setting apart of one million of acres of land in Canada...

We learn from the Quebec correspondent of the Montreal Herald that, Sir Allan McNab having been charged with corruption by the Reform Banner of Hamilton, has taken steps to bring the matter into Court on a criminal prosecution.

It appears from the Supplementary Estimates for 1855, that the sums of £500 and £400 have been granted, to Mechanics' Institutes, and certain Colleges, respectively, in different parts of the country.

TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.—We have received a copy of the "Report of an Investigation by the Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital," into certain charges made against the management of that Institution.

We learn from the Hamilton Spectator that a daring sacrilege was perpetrated in that city on the night of Friday last. St. Mary's Church was broken into, and the altar stripped of all its ornaments.

We have received a copy of a "Circular," addressed by Mr. Penny of the Montreal Herald, to the different members of the House of Assembly, in reply to certain strictures of Mr. J. M. Ferres.

A letter from our Kemptonville subscribers complaining that, up to Tuesday, the 22nd, they had not received their papers of the 19th instant.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The splendid building just erected in Great St. James' Street as the new Mechanics' Institute was opened on Monday evening, and an inaugural address delivered by his Honor Judge Aylwin.

The convict Gray has been pardoned by the Executive. As the "Report" of Mr. Monck has not yet been laid before the public, we shall for the present abstain from all remarks upon this extraordinary affair.

The N. Y. Churchman takes exception to the term "Protestant and Protestantism" as applied to his sect and religion.—"A mere negative religion—and Protestantism is a negative term—is little better than no religion whatever."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—At half-past twelve o'clock on Monday morning, a fire broke out in a house belonging to Thomas McGrath, Esq., situated in Leonard Street, Griffintown.

FATHER MATHEW FUND.

We are happy to have it in our power to publish the following very handsome list of subscriptions to this fund, collected in the course of one week from amongst the settlers in Picton and Wellington, by the exertions of Jeremiah Scully, Esq.

- Picton, C. W.—Rev. Mr. Lator, £1 10s; Mr. P. M'Mahon, £1 5s; Mrs. P. Law, 12s 6d; Miss C. Lator, 10s; Mr. Gray, 10s; William Kelly, 10s; R. J. Fitzgerald, Esq., 10s; Daniel Donnell, 5s; John Delany, 5s; Bridget Goodwin, 5s; Miss Eliza M'Donald, 7s 6d; Daniel Foley, 5s; Daniel Hogan, 5s; Jas. M'Donald, 5s; William Donnelly, 5s; Edward Jordan, 5s; George Gray, 5s; Wm. Gray, 5s; Mrs. P. Moore, 5s; Mrs. J. Moore, 5s; John Slattery, 5s; Peter Bird, 5s; Wm. Sinnott, 5s; Lawrence Kelly, 5s; Michael Doran, 5s; Timothy McGuire, 5s; Mrs. S. M'Mahon, 5s; Mrs. Furlong, 5s; Michael Bird, 5s; Patrick Monaghan, 5s; A Friend, 5s; Miss Mary Cain, 5s; Jas. O'Donnell, 3s 9d; Samuel Thomson, 2s 6d; Widow Johnston, 2s 6d; Mrs. O'Connor, 2s 6d; James Helfery, 2s 6d; Benjamin Laronger, 2s 6d; Mrs. R. O'Brien, 2s 6d; Charles O'Hara, 2s 6d; Norry Crestin, 2s 6d; John Power, 2s 6d; James Goodwin, 2s 6d; Miss Margaret Doyle, 2s 6d; Miss Bridget O'Neil, 2s 6d; Daniel Sullivan, 2s 6d; Miss Ann Dwire, 2s 6d; Miss Ann Carroll, 2s 6d; Mrs. J. O'Donnell, 2s 6d; John Lamb, 2s 6d; Hugh M'Cormick, 2s 6d; Thomas M'Fadden, 2s 6d; Patrick Horigan, 2s 6d; Miss Mary Gleeson, 2s 6d; Miss Honora Gleeson, 2s 6d; Miss Margaret Murphy, 2s 6d; Mrs. R. Davern, 1s 3d; Widow Toole, 1s 3d; Mrs. J. Smith, 1s 3d; Widow Curran, 1s 3d; Pius Neff, 1s 3d; James O'Riely, 1s 3d; Mrs. Chapman, 1s 3d; Mrs. O'Hara, 1s 3d; Mrs. J. Power, 1s 3d; Miss Mary Cosgrove, 1s 3d; Miss Bridget Whelan, 1s 3d; A Friend, 1s 3d; Patrick Sullivan, 1s 3d; Mrs. J. M'Donald, 1s 3d; Thomas Jordan, 1s 3d; David M'Canly, 1s 3d; Miss Mary Quin, 1s 3d; Miss Catherine Goodwin, 1s 3d; Miss Bridget O'Riely, 1s 3d; Thomas Goodwin, 1s 3d; Mrs. T. Hughes, 1s 3d; George Goff, 1s 3d; Widow Regan, 1s 3d; Jeremiah Daly, 1s 3d; George Starks, 1s 3d; Patrick Doyle, 1s 3d; Peter Denvir, 1s 3d; William M'Kenny, 1s 3d; Patrick Cosgrove, 1s 3d; Miss Bridget Driscoll, 1s 3d; John Moore, 1s 3d; Miss Margaret Moore, 1s 3d.

The following sums have been received for the same Fund by the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS: D. B. Heenan, Cornwall, 5s; Denis Coveney, 10s; R. Gamble, 5s, Michael Hawkins, 5s, Quebec.

An amusing article appears in the N. Y. Citizen showing how the Evangelical "get up" their obscene wares for the "No-Popery" market:—

"Early last week, an individual representing himself as the principal friend and adviser of Miss Bunckley, made his appearance in this city, and applied to two or three acquaintances of mine, to know if they were literary men—if they knew any thing about convents—if they had read many books of the 'Maria Monk's Confessions,' character—if they were anti-Catholics, no matter if they believed, or disbelieved, in the existence of a Supreme Being—if they had much leisure time—if they would like an engagement for two or three months, that would be most profitable to themselves;—and, finally, if they had any objection

to go to Virginia, there to manufacture a specified exposition of the 'vice and horrors' of convent life, and to engage in 'stumping' the State against 'the Jennit Wyse.' He was very urgent and zealous in his inquiries and remarks. He drew a 'terrible' picture of the 'conspiracies' of the Catholics; attempted to show how every one who was not a Catholic (particularly dwelling upon the significant fact that it was immaterial whether they were Protestant believers, or atheistical non-believers, giving a decided preference to the latter class of persons, as the most likely to be reckless and unscrupulous in their actions, and, therefore, the fittest instruments for his and his proteges' use) were in duty and in honor (?) bound to disfranchise and even, if necessary, to destroy all who had, in a worldly sense, the misfortune to be as he called them, 'stupid, superstitious and seditious' Catholics; spoke of the splendid opportunity he could afford to any one who would prostitute his or her literary talents, to further the 'noble cause' in which he had embarked; pressed the absolute necessity of whoever would undertake to assist him and his 'dear ex-nun' in their anti-Catholic crusade, being thoroughly familiar with the so-called writings of 'Maria Monk' and others of her stamp, as this would materially assist the imaginative labors of whoever they could get to manufacture a tale of 'astounding and horrible' interest, and concluded by promising to reward any such persons, if they succeeded, in their undertaking, with wealth and fame. He did all this, while under the impression that he was talking to American knaves—for even in this free land, such native characters are to be found; but when he had finished his inquiries, descriptions, and exhortations, he was horror-stricken, to learn from those whom he had been addressing, that they were Americans—Americans, too, who could point to an ancestry distinguished in revolutionary times—but that they were true Americans, who believed that all men were born free and equal; that no man could claim, on the score of birth or religious views, exclusive privileges in any land; that in every relation of life, they were bound to observe the Divine command, to love their neighbor as themselves; and that it would be a wrong and an outrage, to which they could not, consistently as loyal citizens, or practical Christians stoop, to aid either the so-called "ex-nun's" negotiation or the "dear ex-nun" herself, in their criminal and unnatural, and un-American proceedings, against a class of the most upright, most faithful, most patriotic, and most inoffensive of their fellow-citizens. Furthermore, they denounced the vile conduct of those who had attempted to subsidize them; and promised to use every means in their power, to expose and defeat their machinations, which were highly discredit to the American character, and at variance with the most sacredly cherished opinions of all true Americans.

"Miss Bunckley's 'most confidential friend and adviser' was completely non-plussed by this reception of his offers and his views; and, unable any longer to look honest men in the face, left with the consciousness that he had placed himself, his 'dear ex-nun,' and the whole 'Know-Nothing' faction, in a position not a whit above that of the most profligate, degraded, and despised, criminals."

The same writer adds:—"I have just heard that the individual, mentioned in the least enviable light in the foregoing remarks, has made similar applications with similar success in other quarters. I am also informed that he called at several 'old book' stalls in search of 'Maria Monk's Confessions,' 'Sister Agnes, or the Trials of Convent Life,' 'Six Months in a Convent, or Revelations of Conventual Crimes,' and other equally classical publications of the morbid type."

As we were going to press the telegraph announced the arrival of the steamer from Liverpool the 12th instant. No change had occurred of any consequence in the position of the Allies before Sebastopol, though they boasted of some slight successes. Austria is not likely to take up arms against Russia; and the general feeling at home is, that peace is a long way off. In the mercantile world heavy failures were spoken of, but no names given.

- REMITTANCES RECEIVED. Hamilton, Rev. A. Carayon, 15; Nicolet, R. C. Caron, 10s; Arthabaska, J. O'Prince, £1; Lindsay, G. Kempt, £1 10s; Beauharnois, Rev. Mr. Charland, 12s 6d; St. Romuald d'Etcheman, Rev. Mr. Sax, £2 10s; Morrisburg, Rev. B. Coyle, 12s 6d; Hogansburgh, Rev. Mr. Keaveny, 5s; Plattsburgh, U.S., Rev. E. Kenny, 6s 3d; St. Rimouski, Rev. Mr. Tanguay, £2 10s; Asphodel, J. Doherty, 10s; Prescott, T. Buckley, 12s 6d; Frelighsburg, F. Monaghan, £1; Berthier, J. Morin, 12s 6d; Perce, Judge Debois, 6s 3d. Per. M. O'Leary, Agent, Quebec—Mr. M'Casin, 7s 6d; T. Fitzsimons, 7s 6d; P. Deegan, 7s 6d; T. D. Tims, 15s; P. O'Brien, 7s 6d; J. M'Mahon, 7s 6d; Rev. Mr. Campbell, (for self and brother) £2; Doctor Fitzpatrick, 15s; E. Quinn, 15s; P. Dorion, 15s; P. Shea, 15s; W. Falconbridge, 15s; L. A. Cannon, 15s; P. Boylan, 7s 6d; J. O'Farrell, Esq., M.P.P., £1 10s; J. Nolan, £1 2s 6d; Mrs. M'Glory, 7s 6d; J. Lilly, 15s; Hon. L. Massue, £1 2s 6d; J. Archer, £1 2s 6d; C. Peters, 15s; M. Plunket, 15s; K. Temple, 7s 6d; A. Merrill, 15s; S. Roy, 15s; J. B. Wood, £1 2s 6d; J. Sheridan, 7s 6d; Mrs. J. Murphy, 7s 6d; M. Battle, 7s 6d; Miss Rourke, 15s; Hon. Judge Duval, 15s; Hon. J. Chabot, 15s; P. Gangnon, 15s; O. M'Kenna, 15s; H. Martin, 7s 6d; C. Langevin, 15s; T. Miles, £1 2s 6d; Rev. Mr. Nelligan, 15s; W. Downes, 7s 6d; M. Mernagh, 15s; R. M'Case, 15s; T. J. Murphy, 15s; T. Quinn, £1 2s 6d; J. Ryan, 7s 6d; Rev. Mr. Hunt, £1 10s; J. Ellis, 15s; T. M'Intyre, 7s 6d; W. Johnson, 3s 9d; P. O'Connell, 7s 6d; W. Scanlon, £1 2s 6d; B. Mahony, 15s; L. Moore, 15s; Judge Power, £1 2s 6d; J. Giblin, 15s; P. Doherty, 7s 6d; Rev. Mr. Bolduc, 15s; J. O'Kane, 15s; M. Mulhern, 15s; C. M'Donald, 7s 6d; J. Vejdun, 7s 6d; D. Murray, 12s 6d; Mr. O'Regan, St. Silvester, 6s 3d; Rev. Mr. Pouliot, St. Gervais, £1 5s; J. Lannon, Valcartier, 6s 3d. Per Rev. O. Kelly, Brockville—Self, 12s 6d; Addison, W. Harvey, 12s 6d. Per J. Doran, Perth—N. Doyle, 6s 3d; Lanark, W. Mackay, 6s 3d. Per Rev. Mr. Lynch, Allumette Island—Self, 12s 6d; Pembroke, T. Bourke, 12s 6d. Per H. Bogue, Beauharnois—J. M'Cully, 12s 6d. Per Rev. N. Gingras, Perce—Self, 1s 3d; Grand Pabos, N. Walsh, 12s 6d; Capo Cove, J. O'Shea, 6s 3d. Per Rev. M. Lator, Picton—Self, 6s 3d; M. Wheel-er, 12s 6d; J. Power, 6s 3d.