

letter which Your Holiness has just addressed to His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons and the other members of the Episcopate of America, I hasten to thank Your Holiness for this act of esteem and love for the Catholics of the United States and for the whole American people.

"To-day the light has been shed abroad and misunderstandings cease. Now we can scotch the error which some have wished to cloak under the name of Americanism, and we can define the truth which alone Americans call Americanism. Moreover, so clearly and precisely are distinctions drawn and explanations made in the Letter Apostolic that the peril which was not understood by everybody in the United States—a peril which I must confess I thought was to be feared—can no longer present itself.

"In view of the extraordinary confusion of ideas and the bitter controversies which have arisen in France over the book *The Life of Father Hecker*—the extent of which the Apostolic Letter permits me to measure—it was, I cannot but now see, necessary for the Supreme Pastor to make his voice heard to enlighten and tranquillize people's minds.

"Verily, with all the energy of my soul, I repudiate and I condemn all the opinions which the Apostolic Letter repudiates and condemns—all those false and dangerous opinions to which, as the Letter points out, certain persons have given the name of 'Americanism.' I repudiate and condemn these opinions without exception as literally as Your Holiness repudiates and condemns them, and I repudiate and condemn them with all the more alacrity and heartfelt joy because never for a moment have my Catholic faith and my knowledge of the teaching and practices of Holy Church permitted me to entertain such extravagances. The whole Episcopate of the United States in their own name and in the name of their flocks are ready to repudiate and condemn these errors. We cannot but be indignant that such a wrong should have been done us—our Bishops, our faithful people, and our whole nation—as to designate, as some have come to do, by the word 'Americanism' errors and extravagances of this sort.

"Most Holy Father, those men are enemies of the Church of America and false interpreters of the faith, who 'imagine' that there is, or who wish to establish in the United States, a Church different in the smallest particular from the Holy Universal Church which other nations acknowledge, which Rome herself recognizes, and cannot but recognize, as the infallible guardian of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

"Begging Your Holiness benevolently to accept my assurances of love and devotion, and to grant me the favor of the Apostolic Benediction, I have the honor to be, Your Holiness's devoted son.

"† JOHN IRELAND,  
Archbishop of St. Paul.  
February 22, 1899."

**CASTELAR ON CHAMBERLAIN.**

Sacred Heart Review.

In the midst of all the troubles which have of late days enveloped his land Emilio Castelar has found time to write for one of the Spanish magazines, *La Espana Moderna*, a review of the present phases of international politics. To his view, the political horizon is filled with tempestuous clouds that threaten war between various powers before long. The Kaiser's visit to the East, where he hobnobbed with the Sultan, Austria's internal troubles, Russia's steady advance southeastward, the Anglo-French entanglement in Africa, Salisbury's declaration that un-armed nations are decadent ones,

and our own proceedings since we went to war with Spain, all appear to Castelar elements that bode no good for the preservation of the peace of the world. One of the best portions of this paper is the merciless way in which Castelar dissects and exposes Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who proposes that this country sell England, or give her, some of the islands taken from Spain. "History," says the Spanish statesman, "does not present an example of cynicism similar to Chamberlain's. After a lifetime spent in the Radical school, he became a Tory, imperialist and reactionist without the smallest qualms of conscience; and he undoubtedly never had an equal in his vicious tendencies to enormous colonial conquests in absolute derogation of laws, human and divine. He is nothing better than a marauder of the age when liberty was unknown and piracy prevailed upon the seas. He has been following the exterminating Yankees (one can pardon these words to a Spaniard now) in their practical conquests in both hemispheres, inviting them, in public speech, to divide the spoils with him. Language fails to furnish an epithet to characterize fitly this ignoble action against Spain. And Chamberlain chooses for his shameless exploit the very moment when the subject is under discussion at Paris between the United States and Spain." Senor Castelar consoles himself with the thought that sin always brings its own penance, and he sees in the sorry reception Salisbury's speech about decadent nations met in Europe an evidence that the European conscience and public opinion are arrayed against great Britain, which land, he says, is at present menaced by the most powerful elements that are capable of generating hopelessly insoluble conflicts.

**NOTES FROM ST. VITAL.**

To the Editor of the NORTHWEST REVIEW:

SIR,—Perhaps the following short notes from St. Vital may interest your readers. On Thursday morning last the people of St. Vital had the pleasure of attending the feast of our respected parish priest, Father Messier, who celebrated High Mass in the chapel here. Our modest little sanctuary was most tastefully decorated by the good Sisters teaching here, and altogether presented a most beautiful appearance, bright with flowers and lights. There was a very large attendance, and evidently the people fully appreciated the privilege and pleasure of a High Mass, with music and singing, in this small village. At the conclusion our good parish priest gave a short address to the people, in which he congratulated the mon having the good Sisters teaching here, and also on having a Mass celebrated every Thursday, and said we ought to be grateful to the untiring efforts of His Grace the Archbishop in establishing a school and chapel in this place, and also to the Sisters for staying here and for the great improvement they have made in the children since they came. He trusted there would be a more commodious place for them in the course of a year. He concluded with an eloquent panegyric on the great St. Joseph. An address was then read to him by Miss Céline St. Mars, and one of the little children sang an acoustic forming the word "Holiday," requesting that favor from Father Messier, which he granted.

The thanks of the inhabitants of St. Vital are also due to the Rev. Father Messier for having endured many cold drives from St. Boniface to here and back during this severe winter, that no one might be disappointed in hearing mass; in which thanks we all most heartily concur.

Respectfully yours,

CORRESPONDENT.

**FROM PEACE RIVER.**

A Missionary from the Far North Visiting at St. Boniface.

Free Press.

Rev. Father Husson, of Peace River, is a guest at St. Mary's presbytery. The reverend father has been in the far north for a quarter of a century. There are few white men in that part of the country in comparison with the Indians and halfbreeds, but their number was considerably increased last year by the Klondike rush. As a rule the halfbreeds and Indians have log shanties to live in, and make their living by trapping and fishing. The climate of the country is much the same as that of this district, but not quite so severe in winter. Horses feed out all winter, but cattle have to be sheltered. There is abundance of wood and water, and the land is adapted to wheat growing. Regarding the move to make a treaty with the Indians of the Athabasca and Peace River districts, the reverend gentleman thinks the commissioners might meet with difficulty in treating with some tribes, as they are rather adverse to the white man's intrusions.

**A DYSPLECTIC'S RELEASE.**

Suffered from this Distressing Malady for Many Months—Found Only One Medicine to Help Him.

The farming community at Port Robinson, and many miles around, are intimately acquainted with Mr. Harvey Horton. He is a young man, only 23 years of age, who farms in summer and follows a steam thresher in autumn and winter. While yet so young he has had his share of pain and sickness. Our reporter hearing of Mr. Horton's affliction sought an interview with him. When he learned the reporter's errand he readily consented to impart full details, which are given practically in his own words; "I do not court newspaper notoriety," said he, "yet I am not afraid to say a kind word for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. In the summer of 1897 I was sadly afflicted with stomach trouble, a deranged liver and general debility. My entire system was in a morbid condition. I felt as though I had an oppressive weight on my stomach and eating was sometimes followed by nausea. My nights were made hideous by unpleasant dreams. I tried a good physician. He doctored me for liver trouble and dyspepsia, but without avail, and for a year I could find no remedy that could cure me. I felt perfectly worn out, had no strength, appetite or energy. I was prevailed upon by a friend from a distance to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I purchased two boxes in June, 1898. Although I thought myself beyond cure, yet the first box had such a surprising effect that I took courage as my strength began to gradually return. I continued taking the pills and now after using nine boxes I feel as good a man as ever and am in splendid flesh. I can eat, digest and sleep well, while before all food soured on my stomach and caused awful distress. I can now enjoy life and am satisfied that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have saved me from untold suffering."

**CHOOSE THE BETTER PART.**

Reception and Religious Professors of Grey Nuns and Auxiliary Sisters.

Yesterday morning His Grace gave the religious habit and received the vows of the following Sisters connected with the Grey Nuns. In the community room of the Auxiliary Sisters, Sister Alphonse (Marie Louise Guertin, of St. Malo) took the habit, while Sister Flora (Anne Florence Hudson, of St. Boniface) and Sister Eleonora (Josephine Gagnon, of St. Anne) pronounced their vows for one year. Several

priests were present.

In the chapel of the Mother House His Grace, assisted by Very Rev. Dom Benoit and Rev. Fathers Gravel and Drummond, conferred the religious habit on Sister Provencher (Félicité Parent, of Lorette); Sister Ste. Eugénie (Elizabeth Girard, of Ste. Anne); Sister Salois (Elizabeth Richard, of N. D. de Lourdes); Sister Brulé (Marie Rose Brulé, of St. Joseph); Sister Ferland (Marie Philomène Ferland, of Lorette). Sister Diamond and Sister St. Eleazar (Bernadette Beaupré, of St. Boniface) pronounced their perpetual vows. Very Rev. Dom Benoit preached an edifying sermon during the Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop.

**Ecclesiastical Province of St. Boniface.**

**I. HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION.**

1. All Sundays in the year.
2. Jan. 1st. The Circumcision.
3. Jan. 6th. The Epiphany.
4. The Ascension.
5. Nov. 1st. All Saints.
6. Dec. 8th. The Immaculate Conception.
7. Dec. 25th. Christmas.

**II. DAYS OF FAST.**

1. The forty days of Lent.
2. The Wednesdays and Fridays in Advent.
3. The Ember days, at the four Seasons, being the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of
  - a. The first week in Lent.
  - b. Whitsun Week.
  - c. The third week in September.
  - d. The third week in Advent.
4. The Vigils of
  - a. Whitsunday.
  - b. The Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul.
  - c. The Solemnity of the Assumption.
  - d. All Saints.
  - e. Christmas.

**III. DAYS OF ABSTINENCE.**

- All Fridays in the year.
- Wednesdays { in Advent and Lent.
- Fridays

Thursday { in Holy week  
Saturday  
The Ember Days.  
The Vigils above mentioned.

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  - Fresh Mackerel, per can, — 15c —
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  - Fine Bitter Oranges, per doz., — 40c —
  - Fine Sweet Oranges, per doz., — 25c and up. —
  - Finest Bulk Cocoa, per lb., — 80c —
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I have been a great sufferer from constipation for over five years. Nothing gave me any relief. My feet and legs and abdomen were bloated so I could not wear shoes on my feet and only a loose dress. I saw Ripans Tablets advertised in our daily paper, bought some and took them as directed. Have taken them about three weeks and there is such a change! I am not constipated any more and I owe it all to Ripans Tablets. I am thirty-seven years old, have no occupation, only my household duties and nursing my sick husband. He has had the dropsy and I am trying Ripans Tablets for him. He feels some better but it will take some time, he has been sick so long. You may use my letter and name as you like.

Mrs. MARY GORMAN CLARK.

I want to inform you, in words of highest praise, of the benefit I have derived from Ripans Tablets. I am a professional nurse, and in this profession a clear head is always needed. Ripans Tablets does it. After one of my cases I found myself completely run down. Acting on the advice of Mr. Geo. Bowler, Ph. G., 588 Newark Ave., Jersey City, I took Ripans Tablets with great results.

**ONE GIVES RELIEF.**

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Neither was troubled with heartburn and sleeplessness, caused by indigestion, for a good many years. One day she saw a testimonial in the paper endorsing Ripans Tablets. She determined to give them a trial, was greatly relieved by their use and now takes the Tablets regularly. She keeps a few cartons Ripans Tablets in the house and says she will not be without them. The heartburn and sleeplessness have disappeared with the indigestion which was formerly so great a burden for her. Our whole family take the Tablets regularly, especially after a hearty meal. My mother is fifty years of age and is enjoying the best of health and spirits; also eats hearty meals, an impossibility before she took Ripans Tablets.

Reading some of the testimonials in favor of Ripans Tablets, I tried them. Ripans Tablets not only relieved but actually cured my constipation; the headaches have disappeared, bowels are in good condition and he never complains of his stomach. He is now a red, chubby-faced boy. This wonderful change I attribute to Ripans Tablets. I am satisfied that they will benefit any one (from the cradle to old age) if taken according to directions.

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