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A HAPPY OCCASION.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19th, took place, as mentioned in our last issue, the celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of the consecration of His Lordship the Bishop of London...

SOME OF LORD RANDOLPH'S ADMIRERS.

Among Lord Randolph Churchill's admirers the London Tablet deserves special rank and mention. Journalistic exponent of the views prevalent amongst a sickly class of gilt-edged, blue stocking Catholics during the Erection period...

and the Tablet deserves to be told what the lovers of freedom, be they Irish or otherwise throughout the world, think of its course, the reasoning and the reasons which lead to such a course.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE IN PRISONS.

Mr. J. G. Moylan, Inspector of Penitentiaries for Canada, has rendered the cause of religious freedom good service by a recent speech at the national prison congress on Nov. 10th, in Atlanta, Georgia.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

London's early linking with Canada's national highway is an event of great importance than most of our people really think. Few Canadians comparatively realize the greatness of the undertaking...

THE NO POPERY CRY.

The Hon. Mr. Mowat, Premier of Ontario, lately felt constrained to address the Rev. Mr. Milligan, a Presbyterian minister, a lengthy letter, in rebuttal of the charge that the government of Ontario is in political alliance with the Pope...

in which he was brought up, will never be made a better man by being compelled to attend any other form of worship than his own.

THE LESSONS OF THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

The late American elections convey to us two lessons of importance; the first is, that the labor element is a most powerful factor in politics; the second, that the mass of the American people are hostile to Free Trade.

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Stipendiary Magistrates, 6-4 Protestants and 2 Catholics. Twenty-two officials, with sundry assistants—15 Protestants and 4 Catholics. Salaries, \$27,788 00.

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a fresh safeguard against the spread of wild subversive theories. The second lesson conveyed to the world at large by the recent elections is that the American masses are yet firmly wedded to the policy of protection. In the Toledo district of Ohio, Mr. Frank Hurd, a very able and estimable gentleman, was on the trade issue defeated by a large majority. Mr. Hurd's defeat is a national loss, but his Free Trade views are evidently, for the present at least, and this present gives promise of lengthy enough duration, very distasteful to the masses of the people. The most notable defeat, however, is that of Mr. Morrison, in the 18th district of Illinois, where, as the American points out, "a pitched battle on the issues of Protection and Free Trade was openly and distinctly fought, the Republican candidate being Hon. Jehu Baker, a former representative of the district, and a scholar as well as an able man. And Mr. Carlisle, the great head and front of the Free Trade faction, if not defeated in the Covington district of Kentucky, has had a narrow escape from it, Covington itself turned its back on him and gave his Republican opponent a good majority. His defeat is, at this writing, among the possibilities. In the Danville district of Virginia there is a similar revolt against a Free Trade Democrat, resulting in this case in the choice of a Republican. With every election the Free Trade area in the South contracts, as the spread of manufactures wakens up the people to a sense of their own interests. This is the wedge which will break up the solid South. The early disappearance of the solid South is indeed the greatest good that could befall the American nation. With it must disappear every trace of the sectional lines that the reconstruction policy of the republican party no less than the civil war itself tended to accentuate and perpetuate. On the whole, the elections indicate a healthful growth of sound public opinion among our neighbors that must have its good effects on our more limited and less nationalistic field of politics. CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY. We have much pleasure in calling our reader's attention to the programme of the "Catholic Truth Society," under the patronage as well of the Cardinal Archbishop and the Bishops of England, as of the Archbishops of Dublin, Glasgow and Cashel. The office bearers of the society are: President—The Bishop of Salford, Secretaries—Rev. W. H. Ologan, Llystow, Tredegar; Ingleton, James Britton, E. 18 West Square, Southwark, S. E. Hon. Treasurer—George Whitlaw, Esq., 18 Argyll Terrace, Kensington, W. The annual subscription is fixed at ten shillings. The society is established to meet a very distinct want long felt by priests and laymen alike, although no successful attempt has hitherto been made by the Catholic body to meet it, and its objects are fourfold: 1st.—To disseminate among Catholics small and cheap devotional works. There is always a demand for such publications in every congregation if they can be had cheaply, and are ready to hand. At the time of a Retreat or Mission, hundreds or even thousands of them might be taken by the people. 2nd.—To assist the uneducated poor to a better knowledge of their religion. Most Catholics are attacked from time to time by the sneers or objections of Protestants, and too often have no answer ready. If their own faith is not weakened, their inability to state or defend the Church's doctrine does harm to others. It is also desirable to furnish Catholic artisans in the great centres of industry with answers to the rationalistic and infidel theories which are constantly the subject of conversation among men employed in factories and workshops. For the benefit of these classes, we propose to issue a number of pamphlets and leaflets to help them to withstand attack and to give them a better knowledge of their religion. 3rd.—To spread among Protestants information about Catholic truth. Prejudice and error are still universal among the English poor, but there are many who would readily accept the teaching of the Church were they not so utterly misinformed respecting it. While the Religious Tract Society and other similar bodies spread their misleading publications with untiring energy, Catholics do little in this way to make known the claims of the Church of God, and to destroy the absurd notions respecting her that Protestant tradition has handed down. Short papers or leaflets with striking titles, containing a summary of doctrine or concise replies to popular objections, would be eagerly read by Protestants if distributed among them or given away at the doors before or after anti-Catholic lectures, &c. 4th.—To promote the circulation of the good, cheap and popular Catholic works which already exist, many of them being at present almost unknown, and to take notice of similar books as they appear. The Society publishes a handy list of cheap publications suitable for distribution, which may be obtained from the Secretaries. Not alone to individual Catholics in Canada, many of whom could easily afford to join the Society, but especially Catholic associations, do we commend a careful perusal of the "platform" of Catholic Truth Society. These bodies could do very great good by co-operating in the circulation of cheap Catholic literature