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The following letter has been received from his Grace the Archbishop of Toronto:—

ST. MICHAEL'S PALACE, Toronto, 29th Dec., 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God-speed to your intended journal, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founder was, hails with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling ignorance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universal instructor for either good or evil, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false doctrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church, your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Religion by its publication.

Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise,

I am, faithfully yours,

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,

Archbishop of Toronto.

## SALUTATORY.

In presenting to the Catholic public the first number of the CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW, a fitting opportunity is afforded us for grateful recognition of the very liberal sympathy and encouragement extended to its establishment, the kind and appreciative reception accorded to its prospectus, and the many assurances of approval not only of the aims and purposes of the paper, but of confidence in the sincerity and disinterestedness of its projectors. Of the promises of the prospectus the present number is, we think, a fair fulfilment, and with it, we feel, there is due from us some less general statement of the principles we shall promulgate than was possible in the original announcement.

The position of the CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW in Canadian politics will be one of strict neutrality as between all parties; its concern is for the Church and for the interests in this country of the Church's children, without, moreover, distinction of race. By this it is not meant that we shall fail at any time to discuss public measures, in so far as they are public measures, but that not until questions of Catholic interest are at stake will the REVIEW be found to array itself against either of the contending political parties.

Believing, in the words of the Prelates assembled at the late Plenary Council in Baltimore, that "the most shocking scandals which we have to deplore spring from intemperance," the REVIEW will keep constantly in mind the recommendation of the Council, and further to the utmost of its power, the growth of a true temperance sentiment in the Dominion. And since it is not certain to our minds that men are to be legislated into morality by prohibitory enactments, we shall advocate that, in our judgement, only effectual method by which intem-

perance can be repressed, the application of religious and moral influences, which appeal to the intellect and the heart, and impart grace to effect what unaided nature of itself is unable to accomplish.

One of the most important purposes of the REVIEW, will be to collect and preserve all obtainable data bearing upon the history and growth of the Church in Canada—a department of the paper will be reserved for this purpose especially, and articles of such character will, in all probability, be protected by copy-right.

Whilst giving first place and attention to all interests Canadian, the REVIEW will not omit to devote a large part of its space to an analysis of the pregnant political events that are passing at home. Especially have we at heart the progress of a cause essentially just and sacred and invested, as it seems to us, with something of the sanctity of religion,—the restoration to the Irish people of their inalienable and natural political rights. In this connection we have pleasure in announcing that, in addition to the attractions already promised, we shall have in Ireland two regular correspondents, one a prominent member of the Irish Party in Parliament, the other a very well known scholar and divine. Besides these we shall have occasionally, a letter from a prelate of exalted position in Rome, and an English letter, it is hoped, from the Rev. J. R. Teefy, M.A., formerly of Toronto, but now of the College of the Basilians, Plymouth, England. In conclusion, we repeat the promise of the Prospectus. The efforts of the REVIEW will be directed solely towards rendering itself an efficient auxiliary to the Church in Canada. It will be subject to no influence, political, or of any kind, which could make its conductors swerve from what they believe to be their duty in the defence of Catholic principles, and the propagation of sound Catholic thought.