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(Written for the CATHOLIC RECORD.) There are but few, if any, among Mother Catherine, and her companion Sisters entered the house in Brooklyn, our readers who have not heard or read of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, more especially of the virtues and holiness of the venerable Mother Foundress. In connection with the receipt of the Decretal, from Rome, appropring of the rule or constitutions of the constitutions of the rule or constitutions of the rule o proving of the rule or constitutions of the Order, and with the solemn Triduum, the 6th, 7th and 8th December, shred of turniture of any kind: not a street, that the chapel should be so by which the auspicious event will be bed to lie on, nor a blanket to cover celebrated by the Sisters wherever them. As though their arrival had they are established, some details on the foundation and progress of the wants, by some supernatural agency—

The great evil of our times, especially in this New World, is that rationalism alms of the charitably disposed of seeks to dominate social and intellect every denomination of Christians for seeks to dominate social and intellect To oppose and counteract this injurious tendency a great in-

and necessary.

Like the Order of Mount Carmel, the second Order of St. Dominic, the Ursuline and several other contemplative orders in the Church, that of the Precious Blood is a cloistered community, whose members have no intercourse with the outside world. The Apostolic spirit which they share with all these other communities has a special manifestation in their zeal for the distribu tion of Christian literature and the in-

struction of converts.

The Feast of the Precious Blood on the first Sunday in July and the dedication of that month, in a particular manner, to the honor of the most Precious Blood, was instituted by His Holiness Pope Pius IX. This great festival was established in a spirit of thanksgiving by that illustrious Pontiff, whilst in exile at Gaeta, upon the request of the saintly general of the Congregation of the Most Precious Blood, Mertini, after the Pope had obtained from heaven the miraculous close of his tedious tenforced sojourn from the Holy See.

About thirty five years ago the Institute had its first beginnings at St. Hyacinth, P. Q. The Bishop of that See, the late Mgr. Joseph Laroque, after very mature deliberation, de see, the late Mgr. Joseph Laroque, after very mature deliberation, decided to act in accordance with the promptings of divine grace most evil. promptings of divine grace most evidently manifested in the person Mile. Aurelie Gouette, a young lady of St. Hyacinth, held in very high es teem in her native city and in Montreal, for her deep piety and promi-nent social standing. She received her education at Villa Maria, that far famed convent of the Congregation of Notre Dame, on the side of the Montreal mountain. While still & pupil, Mile. Gouette had received special and unmistakable favors from Heaven, relating in a most extra ordinary manner to the devotion of the Precious Blood, then altogether un-known in Canada. Under the zealous direction of the saintly Father Faber it had been extensively spread and

practiced in England. The supernatural manifestations of God's will concerning Mile. Gouette on the mountain, was blessed by Archwere examined by the clergy, amongst whom were the most distinguished members of the Canadian hierarchy. favored was beyond doubt called to Sisters arrived in Ottawa, having establish a religious community of the contemplative order, devoted to the Catherine. After a most pious and worship of the Precious Blood, was Monsignur Ig. Bourget, Bishop of Montreal. His Lordship earnestly becoadjutor, to hasten and realize the Patrick's street. A large number of designs of Divine Providence upon his the clergy and an immense mult pious parishioner. This illustrious pre of the faithful thronged the cathedral pious parishioner. This illustrious pre late, consequent upon still deeper reflection and more minute examination of the evidences from above, concluded to community, of the marvelous efficacy to commence his arduous and holy of the devotion of the Precious Blood, to commence his arduous and holy

Accordingly on the morning of Sept. 14, 1861, the Feast of the Exaltation of religious order. the Holy Cross, the work of the Precious Blood was begun in the very her three associates in her holy design. Mass was celebrated, and the touching of the clergy and of the parishioners, a most remarkable manner. assembled within the modest dwelling.
When the ceremonies were completed and the four Foundresses were alone in and the four Foundresses were alone in that through them special favors have, their newly consecrated enclosure, time and again, been obtained. Could a few only of these pious relations between perceived with joy that nothing they perceived with joy that nothing a low only of these plots telations so-whatever had been prepared for there tween the cloistered nuns and the first convent meal. The charity of child of the world be recorded, they

BLOOD.

Community of Canadian Origin—
Sketch of its Foundation and Object—The Ottawa Branch.

Section 1 Section 2 Some kind neighbors supplied for what would prove effectual in showing the was, doubless, a providential oversight. As the Sisters have to depend accomplished through the invocation of the Blood of the Cross and of the dence supplies their wants. As an instance of this is may be stated that on work of the Previous Blood community.

N. Y., in which a branch of the Order

nothing; consequently, as above stated, they have to depend upon the

the actual necessaries of life. All great works, since the coming of crease of devotion to our Divine Redeemer, which the Order of the Precious Blood cherishes, is most important have the humblest origin. It is necessary to the control of the process of the control of the process of the control of t sary they should begin as did our Blessed Saviour in Bethlehem, in a stable, with the Most High and the Angels as witnesses. Thus was inaugurated the work of the Precious Blood, which, to day, is spreading its branches even to the Pacific coast.

The three young ladies who were associated with Mile. Gouette in the life of adoration, immolation, and reparation, which she was introducing into Canada, were residents of St. Hyacinth and members of the first families of the town. They began at once their austere practices, and very soon their numbers so increased that the cottage Monastery was too small for its inmates. Two years after the foundation, on the occasion of Mile. Gouete's profession — then Mother Catherine Aurelee du Precieux Sang — the little community, numbering ten, moved to a large house a little farther away. Seven years later a wing of the present wellfinished monastery was begun, and from year to year, through the assist ance of the benefactors and the zeal of the faithful, the building advanced, the chapel was completed and richly decorated, and the edifice now stands

of Several years after the foundation of the Order at St. Hyacinth, in Augus 1869, the late Archbishop Lynch succeeded in obtaining from Bishop Laroque a little colony of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, and established a branch of the community in Toronto. They first took up their abode in the convent, near St. Mary's Church, for merly occupied by the Ladies of Loretto. They had many difficulties and trials to contend against, but they have now the happiness of seeing their new and commodious monastery, on

t. Joseph street, completed. In June, 1871, the late Archbishop Bourget introduced the Sisters of the recious Blood into his extensive dioese. About six years ago their fine tone monastery, near to Villa Maria,

The Ottawa house in which the writer is deeply interested, was founded on May 24, 1887. On the 23rd, eight Catherine. After a most pious and cordial welcome by His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, tendered them at the Basilica, they entered, the same evening, their humble enclosure on S and of the benefit procured to the diocese by the presence in it of such a

Within the nine years and six months which have since elapsed, His home of Mile. Gouette, who had with confidence in prayer offered through the Precious Blood, have spread in the tion were witnessed by a large number Capital and adjoining parishes in

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stance of this it may be stated that on work of the Precious Blood community it were believed in; if it were true; the day when the venerable Foundress, has grown rapidly. In May, 1888, Mother Catherine, and her companion the Novitiate was spened. There have been several beautiful ceremonies of Vestiture and Procession at the Basilgusting and disheartening. The good Mother and Sisters had no food nor a who visit the convent on St. Patrick

It is to be hoped that the Sisters of the community in Ottawa, as in Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere, will soon have the foundation and progress of the Congregation of the Nuos of the Precious Blood will be appropriate and not devoid of interest. The fact, too, of the community being purely Canadian must enhance it in the estimation of native-born Catholics, and of every Catholic, for, are we not all Canadians by adoption, no matter what country gave us birth?

wants, by some supernatural agency—for there was no previous word of their coming—numbers of people, Protest coming—numbers of people pro gave us birth?

The Sisters of the Precious Blood is a contemplative order, the members devoting their lives to prayer, meditation and reparation to the Precious Blood of Christ, who, by His sacrifice on the cross, accomplished man's redemption. The object for which the order was in The object for which the order was in stituted is suited, in a special manner, to the wants of the age, when millions not only neglect and spurn the religion for the religion of the Redgemer, but actually special manner, but the work of generous friends. It will be commenced next Spring. To contour to last for three or four days. The clude the few details of the establishment of the Redgemer, but actually special manner, to the wants of the Redgemer, but actually special manner. founded by the Redeemer, but actually butcher, baker or grocer. They buy deny the Divinity of Christ Himself. favored with one, through the zeal of Bishop Laflèche. Some three or four years ago, Rev. Mother Foundress opened a Monastery neat Portland,

The monasteries and chape's of the Order, in St. Hyacinth and Toronto, are especially well equipped and beau-tiful. At the former the nuns publish a very interesting and well edited monthly magazine, The Voice of the Precious Blood, for the spreading of this great devotion. This monastery and all its affiliations are, as far a possible, centres of activity in the production and distribution of pious

books and pamphlets.

The monasteries are maintained, like those of all contemplative Orders, by the alms of the faithful and the labor of the brains and hands of the relig-

ious. To the venerable Mother Foundress it is a great source of spiritual joy and happiness to see the Order which she established extending steadily, year by year, and becoming more and more respected and prized by those congregations whose happy privilege it is to have an institute of the Precious Blood in their midst. It is an additional cause to her of delight and consolation to have lived to see her community signed with the solemn approval of the Church, through the Decretal, to which reference has been made. This approbation of the Holy Father will have the effect of extending more widely and rapidly the spread of the Order and of inspiring all good Catholics with greater confidence, respect and

ularly favored in being among the tew exceptions in this respect. The marked influence which she has exercised in the spreading of the devotion of the Precious Blood, so unthought of, in Canada, before the foundation of her community, tends to prove that the blessing of God attends her work. veneration shown to her wherever she goes or is known, the confidence maniested in her prayers and in her coun els, not alone by these living in Can ada, but in the United States, consid ering her cloistered, retired life, attes her great virtues and sanctity. It would be painful to her and contrary to the spirit of the Church in such matters, to dwell during her life-time on her personality and work. say that her own qualities and the special method by which she sought to glorify God and save souls by increasing devotion to the Precious Blood have stood the most crucial tests.

IRISH DISUNION.

The London News says that there is a Parnell Legend in Ireland, like that of Frederick Barbarossa, to the effect that "the Chief" is not dead at all but is somewhere on the earth, "biding his time to appear among the Irish people once again, and restore unity and force to their ranks." Then the News adds: "Has not one of their own poetesses-in some plaintively beautiful lines-foretold a resurrection for herself which may well be trans-

ferred to the Great Chief? Ah! the harpings and the salvos, and the shoutings of the exited sons returnings!
I should hear, the dead and mouldered, and the grave damps should not chill my bosom's burning.

I should hear, the dead and mouldered, and the grave damps should not chill my bosom's burning.

In Mawitoba has forever set—and set behind one of the darkest clouds of injustice that ever gloomed a people's heart.

Here in Ontario, notwithstanding

Ah! the tramp of feet victorious! I should hear them mid the shamrock and the lear them mid the shamrock and the learn them mid the shamrock and the learn them mid the shamrock and the shamrock are on sufferance. They

The "poetess" referred to is Fanny Parnell, sister of the Chief. We doubt

anybody, in Ireland or elsewhere, nay, even if Parnell could come back from his grave, he would find it no easy task to restore unity and force in the Irish ranks. Disunion has been the bane of Ireland from its earliest day to the present. The loaded quiver of Discord which Moore's fancy saw ouried in "the Boyne's ill-fated river," was only one of the weapons of hat malignant genie. Irishmen are too prone to find causes for internecine strife in difference of religion, of race, of clan, of locality. One of the kindlist of Dublin's literary men gravely sured a visitor from America that he though our families used to be at otter feud once." On inquiry it was ound that the family feud was of racial origin, one being Celtic, the other Danish. It was a feud of long lineage, several centuries old. They have similar heirlooms of hatred in Scotland and Kentucky, but Iraland in the only countries.

but Ireland is the only country in which they work serious disaster. Parnell's return would not cure the vil, were the legend a truth; but hose who profess devotion to his memory would honor it best by forgetting he past and working for the future o in unhappy land. Those who do no evere him might well do likewise, and show their own worth by imitating what was noble in him. The past tense the curse of Ireland. - Boston Pilot.

CHATS BY THE FIRESIDE.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD.

History, says a great French writer, as been for the last three hundred ears a conspiracy against truth. The istorian started out not with the object of reaching truth, but with the object of covering up the villainy of his hero or party. To day we are breaking away com this somewhat, and the historian recent date is showing signs of g the interests of truth, not creed

person, or party. The Catholic hurch in her policy and life has been landered for centuries. Though she s the immaculate spouse of Christ she has been represented as the foe of civilization, the enemy of human pro ress, the very arrestor of the growth virtue in the human heart. course, all her children have shared in this misrepresentation. Nay more, Catholics have suffered thereby in their

private life as citizens.
One of the vilest slanders embodied in the pages of New World history has been that which represents the deportation of the Acadians from their home on the shores of the Bay of Fundy as a necessary and just act. The peaceful and pious Acadians are represented by Parkman, Hannay, Kingsford and Goldwin Smith as disloyal and rebellious. There is not a tittle of evidence in the documents of the time to prove such a charge. On the contrary the despatches of Governor Mascarene prove conclusively that the Acadians remained loyal to England under the

-who conceived the idea of possessing himself of the property of the Aca-The English government, to its honor and credit, never endorsed such a shameful and cruel act. would advise my readers, who desire to study this question, to obtain a work entitled "Acadia: Missing Links of a Lost Chapter in American History," by Edouard Richard, an Acadian, and published by the Home Book Co., of New York.

Do you know, gentle reader, that we are growing a good many basswood Catholics in Canada just now? Men who put politics before religion, and their pockets before honor and purity This fact is coming to the surface more and more every day. Take for instance the School Question. Are Catholics, as a body, standing by the principles of Catholic education? Why, it requires no foresight to see that, slowly but surely, the advocates of secular education are crushing out the hope of Catholic education in this country. Under the specious plea of efficiency and uniformity, they are destroying the vital seeds of its very

life and development. If Catholic education in Manitoba be entombed forever, whose fault, pray, is it? The Bishops of Canada pointed out to the people their duty. They could not lay aside their mitres and enter the political arena. Surely Catholics were warned of the danger ahead. Yet to-day, it would appear, that the sun of Catholic education in Mauitoba has forever set-and set

And my heart should toss within the shroud and quiver as a captive dreamer tosses. are tolerated. With the pretence of as comparing the schools, as follows:
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I should turn and rend the cere-clothes round me, glant sinews I should borrow—
Crying, "Oh, my brothers, I have also loved her in her lowliness and sorrow.

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I should turn and rend the cere-clothes round in their schools, as follows:

"It is objected that this existence of our Catholic schools is certainly lacking in good breeding, and as for morality — well! quien provents our Catholic children from prevents our Catholic children from prevent "Let me join with you the jubilant procession: let me chant with you the story,

Department sends out two Catholics to clusiveness of our Catholic children from inspect them, wherethe work is enough prevents our Catholic children from and as for morality — well!

Sabe?

inspection is very largely a farce. It pattern of the American boy and girl. is not the fault of the men doing the work, for they are capable men-quite superior to many of the Public children of the elite. Every objection School Inspectors of this Province. The fault lies with the Educational Department, which is the promoter of such a farce. Up to the present, Catholics have allowed this state of affairs to exist, hoping that the wisdom of our educators would remedy it. But no—the farce becomes but emphasized and intensified with the years. Let there be no misunderstanding about the be no misunderstanding about the statement I give out here under my own name. I voice the opinion of hundreds connected with Catholic education in this Province. This humbug will have to cease. Catholics consected with Catholic strength. This is especially true of the child of Irish descent."

Dr. Mullany shows here a deep insight into the character of the two sight into the character of the two know when their schools are properly systems of schools, and we Canadian inspected, and will insist that the Inctors sent out be Inspectors and not | ance to be true.

lic Education it is interesting to note the revival of Regiopolis College in Kingston by His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. Falls, Ontario. The editor of the Mid-Cleary. The very name Regiopolis land Review, Lebanon, Ky., C. J., brings back memories of the days of O'Malley, one of the cleverest of our the pioneer priest in Ontario. It calls up something of the sacred toils and sacrifices of a zealous and saintly Bishop Macdonell and the many great of Maley, one of the eleverest of our the pioneer of the cleverest of our the pioneer priest in Ontario. It calls young Catholic writers, said in his superior to not a few of our pretentious Catholic Monthlies. I endorse O Maley

from the lips of Dr. Cleary at the opening of Regiopolis a few weeks ago ica. It is scholarly, it is artistic, it is placed above the door of every school publications that greet us from the n the land. In the age of sham study and intellectual boom and bubble these words of His Grace may well be treas ured as the words of one of the most of the most brilliant minds in Canada:

"We desire," says the Archbishop, " no sudden parade of educational ex-hibits on the part of our boys. We abhor superficiality and emptiness. We require our boys not to be de ceived into the belief that they are learned in things ancient and modern when they are only beginners. We will not tolerate any such thing a 'cramming' in Regiopolis College for it is fatal to youthful education and is a fraud upon both parents and children, since it gives no permanen formation to the mind, no solid and useful knowledge of anything, whilst it deludes the poor ignorant boy with the fancy that he is learned.'

In our last Chat by the Fireside spoke of the great merit of Dr. Walter Lecky's novel, "Billy Buttons." compared his powers of characteriza ion to that of Cable Johnson and Miss Murfree. I see that my opinion has been sustained by that of Dr. J. A. Faust of the Church News of Washington, perhaps the most capable Cath olic literary critic in the United States Walter Lecky is essentially a story teller, as this volume "Billy Buttons"

clearly proves. I had the pleasure of spending a few days, last summer with this gifted Catholic author, in his home near the Thousand Islands, N. Y. Dr. Lecky is the soul of hospitality. genercus to a fault, a brilliant and veneration for its pious members.

It seldom happened that any Order has received the approval of the Holy See during the life-time of its founder.

Rev. Mother Catherine has been singwitty talker, and at times as quaint as government. scholar and naturally has an intense hatred of sham in all things educational and literary. He has an in-stinct for things artistic, and can dis-cern at a giance any evidence of real merit in a writer. His own attainments and accomplishments are wide and varied. He reads with ease some eight or nine languages, and speaks five of them fluently. The different streams of civilization he has traced to their sources, and the great literary and art centres of Europe, such as Berlin, Venice, Paris, Rome and London he knows like a book. In a word Dr. Lecky is one of the best equipped men for literary work in America.

One of the noblest pens among the Catholic women writers of the United States, is that of Miss Katherine E. Conway, of the Boston Pilot staff. She is a warm friend of every Catholic litterateur and an indefatigable worker in behalf of the intellectual advancement of our Catholic people. The three little volumes Miss Conway has published in the "Family Sitting Room ans for soft spots in the walls and of Honor in the Christian Life," should his sisters to and from church, should be without such valuable books. collector straight in the face.

and is a most progressive Catholic of others, and that helps him, too, educator. In a recent sermon materially in his work, whatever it preached on the occasion of the Silver may be. Good manners and morality

While discussing the subject of Catho lished in America is The Niagara

and good priests who labored half a ley's opinion, and I venture further to century ago for Catholicity in Ontario.

The solid words of wisdom which fell years will be the best exponent of the should be written in letters of gold and sane-and this cannot be said of all steps of Ladies' Academies.

The Catholic Almanac for Ontario has been recently issued, and is full of scholarly prelates in America and one merit. It should find its way into every Catholic family in the Province. Thomas O'Hagan.

The Same Old Story.

For the thousandth time we have another emphatic instance of Irish secret societies being betrayed by the sleuth-hounds of the British government.

Scarcely had the revelation of Beach or Le Caron-died away regarding the inner happenings of the Clan na-Gael-and the methods of the precious master spirit of the Transic who too long controlled that organization, when the world is treated to another spicy unveiling of the same detestable gang

by another of the trusted "brothers. 'Jones," the latest British spy, who peached on Ivory, the alleged dynamiter, is by no means a myth. Though an avowed Orangeman from Belfast, he was a recognized "brother" in high standing; and, as usual, was the most loud mouthed and bloodthirsty

of all the gang.
When will lovers of Ireland learn sense and try to serve her cause without becoming the dupes of knaves and fools? The story of Irish secret revolutionary movements is but the tissue of dark betrayal which ended in the prison and the gibbet. There is not to-day an Irish secret association on the globe whose action and purpose are not clearly known to the British

Sullivan—the prime plotter—and Patrick Egan, wormed himself into the highest confidence only to betray.

Ireland's cause is just, and the furtherance of that cause needs no secrecy. It appeals to the justice of the world for redress. But let all wise friends of that cause beware of the professional Irish scoundrel and the methods which he is wont to lure his victim to his doom. - Buffalo Union.

Humility Overdone.

Humility is a beautiful thing indeed to see, especially in the young; but it may be overdone and run in the ground, so to speak. Some occasions seem to demand a show of personal pride, and we think attending Mass is one of them, says The Monitor.

A young man should go to church like a gentleman. He should act like a gentleman in church, and certainly should not through false modesty or mistaken humility hang around the ans for soft spots in the walls and Series" bearing the titles "A Lady pillars whereon to lean his weary and Her Letters," "Making Friends and Keeping Them," and "Questions that may be seen taking his mother or that may be seen taking his mother or be in the hands of every Catholic sits with them in the family pew, and young lady. No convent library who is brave and bold enough to look the Rev. Dr. Mullany, of Syracuse, N. Y., is a brother of the late Brother Azarias, him the good word and the good will preached on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Syracuse Dr. Mullany referred to an objection which is sometimes raised against Catholic schools, and touched upon the character of their teaching, as compared with that of the Public schools, as follows: