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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.

WALSH.

London, Ont., May 23, 1879.

DEAR MR. COFFEY,—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its one and principles; that it will remain, what it has been, thoroughly Catholic, entirely independent of political parties, and exclusively devoted to the cause of the Church and to the promotion of Catholic interests. I am confident that under your experienced management the RECORD will improve in usefulness and efficiency; and I therefore carnestly commendit to the patronage and encouragement of the clergy and laity of the diocese.

Believe me, Your very species.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely, + JOHN WALSH, Bishop of London. Mr. THOMAS COFFEY
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LONDON, FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1881.

THE LAND BILL

It now seems evident that there

will be no land bill before Easter. Mr. Gladstone yet observes profound silence as to the details of his long promised measure. We are inclined to think that the bill has not yet been fully decided on by the Cabinet, and we hardly expect a measure radical enough to remove entirely the evils of landlordism. The Government surely knows that of these evils Ireland must be rid-if she is to enjoy happiness. The injustice, insecurity, and oppressiveness of the present Irish land system are too patent to all observers to have it denied that this system must, in the interests of Irish peace and progress, be removed. It has had a long trial and has failed egregiously. In other countries, according to Mr. Gladstone's own showing, the creation of a peasant proprietory has added to the national security, and given the reople the largest measure of happiness. What is good for France, for Belgium, for Switzerland, must also be good for Ireland. The statesmen now at the head of affairs in Britain well know that the only means of finally and effectually settling the land question is the establishment in Ireland of peasant proprietorship. We advocate no sudden or violent the weaker nation. No one doubts change. If the Government in its that Greece, if left to herself, must land bill decide on a gradual introduction of this system into Irelandit will, we say it unhesitatingly, deserve the support and gratitude of every Irishman. We have always held that until Irishmen own the soil they till, they cannot be happy in their own country. An unhappy people is a weakness to the Government and a cause of national retrogression. We await with anxiety the promised land bill, and earnestly hope it may meet the just views and expectations of the people of Ire-

MISINTERPRETATION.

A writer in the last number of La Revue Canadienne takes the American Government severely to task for an alleged indeligate interference with the domestic affairs of Britain in the matter of the Irish in justice to their country permit it land agitation. To support his by dilatoriness or cowardice on their view the writer cites the action of the New York and other State legislatures which have passed resolutions of sympathy with the Irish decided, come what may, on war to people in their struggle for a free soil—as an instance of pointed and unjustifiable intermeddling with the bring about it is very difficult to affairs of another nation. The resolutions passed by the various legis- inherited the continued purpose of lative bodies of the union, conveying his family to drive the Turks from to a suffering people the sympathy Europe. The Russian Government of their constituents, cannot be justly interpreted as an intervention in the affairs of Britain. The whole that it will never permit without a world-if we except Britain itself- resort to arms, the obliteration of has evidently taken a just view of Greece from the map of Europe. the Irish question. Nowhere 's it as well understood as in the United States, millions of whose people are of Irish origin. The American people could not, in honor or justice,

especially so when after promising reform in the land system, British statesmen carry through Parliament legislation tending to obliterate every vestige of free om in Ireland. It is a well understood, and a universally accepted principle of international polity, that nations ought, in time of peace, do all the good they can to one another. If we apply this principle to the action of the American state and national legislatures in the course they have pursued on the Irish question, we must at once see that America has rendered service of incalculable value to Great Britain itself. The land question at once settled, this perennial source of contention, strife and anarchy dried up, Great Britain would enter on what is now to her unknown-a feeling of security resulting from internal peace and content. The condemnation of the iniquitous land system prevailing in Ireland by the legislative bodies in the neighboring republic is in itself, apart from the good it may produce in Great Britain and Ireland, apart from its aspect of international justice, an act of humanity to which we think no journal should take exception. The writer in La Revue Canadienne must be well aware of the fact that nations have always interviewed either by remonstrance or by good counsel, or both, in the affairs of other states, whensoever the interests of any considerable portion of the human family required such intervention. In the cases of Greece and Poland various European powers have time and again remonstrated with, and counselled, if not actually threatened the Governments of Turkey and Russia. The American Government has not, we believe, had any diplomatic communication with Great Britain on the land question. As soon as such communication is decided on, the writer in La Revue may, if he sees fit, condemn the course of America, but let him not distort the action of free deliberative bodies into a case of international discourtesy.

AFFAIRS IN THE EAST.

The attitude of determination as-

amed by Greece to enter into pos-

ession of the territory awarded her

by the Berlin Treaty has of a certainty disturbed the powers. The breaking out of a war between States so unevenly matched as Turkey and Greece bodes apparently no good to about this state of affairs. fall an easy prey to Turkish strength. the old Mussulman aggressiveness and valor in the Turks to make such their part. But Europe would not stan, by and witness the annihilation of Greece by the Turks. There must, if war breaks out, be some decisive intervention on the part of the powers friendly to Greece to save that country from the consequences of its own temerity. Certain of the powers have already urged upon the Greek Cabinet the inadvisibility and risk of their country's going to war single-handed with Turkey. But the Greeks, who have reason and justice, if not expediency, on their si le, maintain that the powers whose representatives framed and signed the Treaty of Berlin, are all bound to see to its execution, and they cannot part to be deprived of the advantages conferred by that treaty. Everything just now looks as if Greece had scure its own undoubted rights. What complications its action may foresee. The new Czar has likely may not however, for a time, see fit to interfere. But we feel confident

A PERSONAL friend of Alfred Aylward, Joubert's Irish adviser, states in the Dublin Freeman that, throughout his stormy and troubled life

THE LATE MRS. GLEESON.

It is with much regret that we the death of another exemplary Catholic lady, Mrs. Gleeson, wife of T. Gleeson, Esq., Merchant, of Sarnia. The sad occurrence took place on Tuesday morning, 29th ult., after about a week's illness. The deceased had been in rather a failing state of health for some time, but no one expected such a speedy termination, and her death caused much surprise in the community at large. Mrs. Gleeson was much respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, and great regret is expressed at her sudden death. She was a munificent patron to the Church, and very exact in the performance of her religious duties. Mr. Gleeson and his family have our sincere sympathy in their sudden bereavement. The funeral took place on Thursday morning, being the largest ever seen in Sarnia. In another column will be seen an account of the obsequies.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

IN THE year 1880 a greater number of priests died in the Archdiocese of Cologne than in any year within the memory of man. hundred and ninety-nine parishes are at present vacant.

THE RIGHT REV. DR. CLEARY, Bishop of Kingston, arrived in New York last Saturday. He then proceeded to Toronto, making a short stay with Archbishop Lynch, after which he went on to his diocese, where he will be certain to receive a right royal welcome.

THE Harp for April contains an excellent wood cut of the lamented Monsignor Cazeau of Quebec, accompanied by a biographical sketch of the illustrious deceased. Our modest little monthly contemporary continues to improve with each number. Being, we believe, the only Catholic magazine in the English language in the Dominion, it deserves to be encouraged.

It is proposed to hold a series of races and other athletic sports on Tecumseh Park on Good Friday. If we have not in our midst a number of out and out Bob Ingersolls, we have at all events many who are strange samples of Christianity. Public school influence and the flash literature of the news depots have served in a large measure to bring

It is an interesting and terribly suggestive fact that the public-There is indeed still enough left of houses of London, if ranged side by side, would extend to a length of sixty miles. One can conceive that a war an object to be desired on the money spent in them daily must be enormous-sufficient to maintain all the paupers in Great Britain. And yet this is the country which claims to be the greatest Bible-producing and Bible-distributing nation in the world. Truly, the pagans would have good reason to tell her missionaries that their chamity should begin at home.

> THE Northwestern Christian Advocate, a Methodist paper, says that it is beginning to be seen that knowledge alone does not tend to make good citizens. Knowledge merely gives power-power for increased evil when the will and motives are wrong. * * We have believed that the free schools were a buttress of our Government, and they no doubt are; but righteousness is the only true basis of national as of individual greatness. Righteousness does not grow out of godless schools

FATHER REICKS, of Heidelberg, makes some complaints that show how small is the number of those who compose the old Catholic sect. He laments that the German Mercury, the principal organ of Old Catholicism, has not ever eight hundred subscribers, and that his own paper, the Old Catholic Messenger, is likewise unable to secure any considerable share of public favor. Old Catholicism, it appears, is losing ground every day, notably at Dortmunt, in stated that at Gumbonnen, Pastor presence of only one old woman.

WE HAVE just received a letter from the Nun of Kenmare, in which she states she recently had a

sent session of Parliament. must conloss we had a strong sus-picion from the beginning that this in giving food to the poor, as well for Cork. You could play bear have to again announce this week would be the case. Nor is it reasequent session until such time as the people of the three kingdoms become educated in political ques-tions and make a proper use of the ballot box. The nest of Shylocks who now rule the country must be thrust aside by the popular voice, and their places filled by men who will legislate for the benefit of the country at large.

> ANOTHER outrage! The mansion house powder expedient having failed to draw odium on Ireland, for the reason that everybody looked upon it as a clumsy fraud, something must be done to keep the excitement up in order to show cause for coersive measures. It now transpires that a member of Parliament received a box which, on being opened. was found to contain a pistol, apparently arranged with murderous intent. The member did not have the courage to open the box himself, ation being at an end' our time has and an officer was called to perform he did the dangerous task, which with caution and with fear and trembling. It is high time this silly business of manafacturing outrages was brought to a close The authors are dishonest policemen who are working for preferment, or else it is a silly scheme of the authorities, as we have said, to justify bungling legislation.

A BEARDED priest from the African mission of Dahomey, on the coast of Guinea, is the guest of the congregation of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Williamsburgh, L. I. Father Malone. the pastor, as interpreter, explained concerning the human sacrifices offered by these cannibals. Since the establishment of the mission twenty-five years ago, of the milions of these people only about 25,-000 have been received into the Church by baptism. The missionaries, as soon as they present themselves, are butchered. Those of them who, living with the Chris tianized natives, escape butchery; soon succumb to the torrid climate To the king hundreds of lives are sacrificed, the heads of these victims being offered to him, and their bedies cut up and exposed as food, as cattle are in our shambles. "Yet," said the speaker, "these people, when they come under the influence of religion, are most docile. The second generation of these converts are offering themselves up for the reclamation of their people.

YEAR after year the works o noble men long since dead wield an influence for good over the hearts of Thomas a Kempis, are as fresh today as they were centuries ago. And they are Catholic in a universal sense. They are read by Protestants and rationalists of all kinds, and who shall say how great i their measure of good in these cir cles? The late George Eliot, in one of her works thus speaks of the "Imitation:" "The small, old-fash ioned book for which you need only pay sixpence at a book stall, work miracles to this day, turning bitter waters into sweetness; while expensive sermons, and treatises newly issued, leave all things as they were before. It was written down by hand that waited for the heart's prompting; it is the chronicle of a solitary, hidden anguish, struggle, trust, and triumph—not written on velvet cushions to teach endurance to those who are treading with bleeding feet on the stones. And so it remains to all time a lasting record of human needs and human consolations." Only the other day we read somewhere that a Franciscan priest, of the Mission Scutari, had completed an Albanian version,-the first,-of this wonderful little book which is now in course of publication by the Propaganda printing-press.

IT APPEARS that the personal influence of the Viceroy of India has a great deal to do with the progress or Christianity in that country. Mgr. Antonie Tosi, a member of the Franciscan Order, Bishop of Rhodiopolis and Vicar-Apostolic of the Punjaub, East India, writes to the Unita Catolica, of Turin, for the purpose of making known to the entire world how much good a true and sincere Catholic can effect when Westphalia, and also at Bockum; it is placed at the head of a nation, even though it should be still pagan or Grunert officiates ordinarily in the Mahommedan. Mgr. Tosi speaks at length of the regularity with which the Marquis of Ripon attends at Mass and adheres to the other practices enjoined by the Catholic Church, and also of the edification which he stand by in silence, while the Irish race at home was struggling for what every right thinking declares they ought to have. More declares they ought to have.

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We tions that the rajahs of many parts the sacred name of freedom in Corfu. sonable to suppose that such a Marquis's health as in thanksgiving Neopolitan, and jangle his chain in measure will be carried at any sub- for the fact his life had been spared. the ears of Europe, but the carried at any sub-One rajah in Allahabad spent £500 tinction of millions of your own in this way. On the authority of people was an everyday matter that the Mother Provincial of the Daugh-was beneath the sublime lottiness of ters of the Cross at Bombay, Mgr. your comprehension.' Tosi states that two members of a Protestant Sisterhood established in that city under the protection of the Protestant monks, called the "Cowley Fathers," have recently joined the gyman among the many clerical Church, and that a third will proba-readers of the Guardian," says the bly soon do likewise. He also announces the baptism of several other onverts in the Catholic Cathedral of Allahabad, one of these being an official whose mother had been con-

ARCHBISHOP BLANCHET, of Oregon,

has resigned the episcopal office. His

truly beautiful and apostolic Farewell Pastoral concludes with these words: "At the age of eigthy-six years, we feel 'we are growing old like a garment' and that, 'our goner at last arrived to retire into a place of rest and solitude, in order 'to recount to God all our years in the then, beloved and Reverend brethren of the priesthood, who have been so often our consolation, and our support in days of trouble and tribulation. Farewell, beloved daughters, Christian virgins, spouses of Jesus Christ, who have so often edified and rejaiced us with the perfume of your virtues. Farewell, beloved children of the laity, who have been so long the object of our concern and of our prayerful solicitude. Farewell, young men, in whom we behold with easure the future of the Catholic Church in this country. Farewell, little children, the beloved ones of Jesus Christ, and the cherished of our heart. We part now, but we have the firm hope of seeing you in its Catholicity. The following is forever in heaven. Forget not your an extract from a letter sent by the give him his mistakes and his shortcomings; pray for him that his sins dinner given in Brooklyn on the may be forgiven and forgotten when occasion of the anniversary of the he will be called on to give an acthe words of St. Ephrem to communfaith in all its purity and integrity; we bequeath to you our most humble submission to the teaching and mandates of the Apostolical See; we bequeath to you our sincere and fervent care of the Church of Jesus Christ.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD speaks warmly and decidedly on the Utah | theory that a comparative few have question. In this matter we wish him God speed. He goes on to say:-"Polygamy must end-shall be them no chance for this world or mankind. They do not grow old stamped out. This plague-spot on the next, then I am a communist. our institutions must be banished. Every industrious and virtuous citigustine, Thomas Aquinas and I ask you, as my friend, to take your zen has a right to a livelihood in stand in the Senate and fight this evil until it is crushed out of existence. We must, however, save from illegitimacy the 70,000 children n Utah born of polygamous parents." Could you not with good reason go a step further, Mr. Presiient, and declare "Divorce must end -shall be stamped out. This plague pot on our institutions must be banshed. While you are endeavoring to save from illegitimacy the 70,000 children born in Utah of polygamous parents, how will you classify the equally large number of children born of divorce parents in the United States. The law-makers at Washington should deal with the Mormons at home as well as with the Mormons abroad. There is a slight difference. One is legalized by an earthly tribunal. The other not. Before the great Judgment seat this will be of no "vail." Mormon and the divorced Pharisee will be alike called to account for transgressing a decree enacted by one who is the just and the final judge of all mankind.

THE Catholic Standard says that ome one who knows how to write pointedly and incisively has prepared and had printed for circulaion among members of the British Parliament a letter addressed to the Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone, in which he shows up Mr. Gladstone's inconsistencies in a way that must be anything but pleasant to the British Premier. The following will serve as a specimen: "Out of the depths of her misery Ireland calls to you; out of the long accumulated agony of her hunger and her thirst and fever, she asks you for food, for rest, for shelter, and you offer her a rod. You, the champion of the full-fed land-owners of Bulgaria. You, the advocate of the peasant seated in plenty among the Tuscan hills. You, the upholder of relentless Sclave and prosperous Servian, and olive-faced Ionian. have nothing to give this weary,

the complete restoration of the leader to the Bulgar, the Sciave, the the ears of Europe; but the quiet exwas beneath the sublime lottiness of

"THERE is at least one commonsense and out-spoken Protestant cler-Liverpool Catholic Times, "as the following letter, written in its col-umns by the Rev. Arthur A. Dawson, and headed Trish Aggression, will show: - "SIR-May Task if there is any truth in the rumor that some of the Anglican Episcopate are going to consecrate a Bishop, and send him to gather proselytes in Spain? How is this if so, consistent with our position as a National Church? What right have our Bishops in Spain? The Pope is consistent, though, as we contend, unwarranted, in sending his Bishops here; but we surely are most inconsistent if we cl. im liberty for each National Church, and invade another Christian nation bitterness of our soul. Farewell, with our Bishops. If this scheme, as I have heard, emanates from Ireland, the presumption of it seems to me indescribable. The Reformed Church of Ireland does not include a tenth of the population, and yet it proposes to send a missionary Bishor o convert the Christians in Spain?

EVEN T. DE WITT TALMAGE has ranged himself on the side of the oppressed people of Ireland, utterly disregarding the opinions of those of his own sect who will say as little as possible in her favor for the reason that the Irish nation acknowledges the authority of Rome, and rejoices old and loving spiritual Father, for- gentleman alluded to in reply to an invitation to be present at a birth of Robert Emmett: count of his stewardship. We borrow pronunciation of Emmet's name makes my heart heat like a waricate to you our last will and testa-ment. We bequeath to you our cease its reverberation till the last oppression in all the earth has ceased. Let others cipher out tne particulars. I give as my opinion that Ireland will yet be as independent of all other governments as is the United States. How? When? I leave that to omnipotence. I am neither monarchist nor communist. but if it be communism to hate the a right to gather up the resources of the world and crowd others off into squalor and wretchedness, giving Ireland and everywhere else.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Beaconsfield is confined to his house

The Prince of Wales has conferred the rder of the Garter on the new Czar. In the Lawson Labouchere libel suit, the jury failed to agree and were discharged

Prince Charles has been proclaimed King of Roumania. King Alfonso and wife lately presented to the Pope a chalice mounted with \$40,000 worth of precious stones.

The Czar has cancelled the Russian loan of 900,000 roubles granted Servia as compensation for losses in the late war.

A number of lives have been lost by ods in Omaha, Neb., and different parts of the Western States.

A large petard exploded at the door of the Carmelite Church, Madrid on March 26th, doing considerable damage. The governor of Wisconsin on Tuesday signed the Bill recently passed by the Legislature prohibiting the practice of

treating. The Massachusetts House of Represen tatives has defeated the Bill giving municipal suffrage to women, by a vote of 122

The sixty one victims of the opera house disaster at Nice consist of thirty-six French-men, twenty Italians, three Englishmen, one German and one nationality unknown. Herr Most, publisher of the Pricheit, a Nihilistic journal in England, has been indicted for publishing a libel concerning the late Czar, and urging the people to

The new Prohibition Law of Kansas forbids the use of wine at the Lord's Supper, and provides for the clergyman who administers it a penalty of two years imprisanment.

A telegram has been received by the Czar that if Sophie Perousky, one of the Nihilists arrested for participating in the killing of the late Czar, is executed, his death will speedily follow.

A despatch from Vienna says that the Russian Councillors will start shortly for Rome to continue, direct with the Vatican, the negotiations relative to the Roman Catholic Church in Russia.

A construction on the Rock Island Road, near Wallut, Iowa, collided with a freight train on Wednesday, March 30th, demolish-ing the cars of the construction train, inluding the caboose, in which were twenty five employees, all of whom were injured the majority fatally.

HAMILTON LETTER.

Sunday Evening in Dunda-New tions for the St. Augustine's Chu Via Crucis-Historical, Moral a Philosophical-Clerical Items

VIA CRUCIS. The ceremonies of the Church are tiful and impressive in their perform and tull of sublime religious signific They are performed first for the and glory of God, and agreeable example set by Him while on secondly, for the purpose of definit illustrating the various offices church; and lastly, to excite with breasts of her observing children ments of reverence and devotio the administration of the Sacramer teaches us the divine origin and in able religious worth of those mystic nels of Divine grace; in the makes use of the grandest ceremon remind us tha: God's omnipotend mercy, as shown in this great sacrif worthy of our fullest gratitude and ation: and in the blessing of e altars, vessels and vestments, she us that whatever is set apart f divine service or devoted to holy should be treated with extraordin

A ceremony of the class new took place in the church of St. Aug took place in the church of St. Aug Dundas, on Sunday evening last.
months ago, a new and costly set
tions of the cross was ordered from
treal—the old set, though venerable age, and still capable of use, bei now in keeping with the dignity a portance of the church. After solar the anxiously expected Statlength arrived, and preparations once made for their erection. Ver T. J. Downing, Vicar General, v. gaged to perform the ceremony but one holding the rank of bivicar-general being eligible for th—and directing and assisting were the Very Rev. Dean O' eilly priest, and his curate the Rev. P. I priest, and his curate the Rev. P. I was well lighted and warmed.

At the appointed hour the ce in surplice and stole, with the rev. men above named, and preced a olytes and attendants bearing th incense, and holy water, enter sanctuary, and proceeded in the for manner: All knelt at the lower manner: All knels at the lowe steps, while the choir ang the hyn

Oreator Spiritus: Come, O Creator, Spirit blest, And in our souls take up thy re Come with thy Grace and heave To fill the hearts which thou ha The spirit of God is necessary us true religious animation. We therefore invoke that Spirit at ginning of all our important act order to their fit and proper perfo and to guard against all evil in This is a faint expression of the contained in the prayer which brant now recited: "O God, wh light of the Holy Ghost didst ins hearts of the faithful, give us by Holy Spirit a love and relish of right and just, and a constant e-of its comforts. Defend, we bese by the intercession of the Blesseo

this thy people from all adversit snares of the enemy; through Cl

The Holv Spirit being thus the celebraut asks God to ble crosses and pictures intended honor of Our Lord Jesus Christ that their appearance may alway us of good and holy acis, and t ever studies to honor the o ly Son of God, shall obtain His bles and enjoy eternal glory l Sprinkling the crosses and pictu oly water, that they may give giously practice this devotion, an ing them to shew the fervor an tion of the truly pious praver, " Bless O Lord these crosses, by thy Holy Cross thou hast rede world from the power of demons by thy passion overcome the te sin who delighted in the corrupt first man through the fruit of bidden tree." The power of 1 rendered so great by the sorrows our unfortunate father Adam. forever crippled by the saving which the new Adam, our Savi "Let those crosses be blessed sign of the cross, in the name of t and of the Son, and of the Holve those kneeling and praying bet may find health of mind a Through Christ Our Lord."

Through Christ Our Lord.
sung the Stabat Mater:
Under the "orld's redeeming wor
The most affliced Mother stood
Mingling her tears with her Son's
As that streamed down from ev
of all His wounds she felt the sma
What plereed His body piered What pierced His body pierced After that each station was place: The celebrant kissed eac picture, through respect for tha our Saviour died, and for the pl he had suffered, and re ding t tions and prayers alwas reciting the public Way of the Cros return to the main altar, the the "Te Deum Laudamus." ceremony the congregation pre utmost stillness, joining ferven responses, and silently, but sin miring their beautiful and dev

ing pictures. HISTORICAL AND INSTRUC The Te Deum being sung, th livered a discourse of moderat the excellence and utility of exercise, the Way of the Cro some valuable historical refere same. The pictures hung on walls to-night, illustrating Lord's sorrowful journey, were beautiful, and appropriate dec the house of God. Those v that the money could be bette alms to the poor, forget that traitor, was the first to utter ment, and they forget also the of the Most High is worthy of est construction. Insufficie too call it superstition for bow and pray before these crosses, although done through for the good Saviour who they represent, overlooking thuman beings pay similar reemblems of mortals like them general in the field takes off