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NOTES.

A brother of Mr. Matthew Arnold who died a few days ago is a convert to the Catholic Church, a Fellow of the Royal and an erst professor of the Catholic University of Ireland.

The following protest, signed by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the several Bishop of England, has been issued relating to the Affirmation Bill which passed the English Parliament a few weeks ago:

The undersigned Catholic Bishops have heard with great anxiety of a Bill, now passing the House of Commons, whereby it is to be made optional for members elected to Parliament either to take the oath or to make an affirmation, which does not as heretofore imply belief in God as Lawgiver and Judge, but is accommodated to those who deny these truths of natural religion.

They, therefore, are constrained by their office to record their judgment and belief, that no man is a fit and proper person to make laws for the homes and domestic life, or for the social and public welfare of England, Scotland and Wales, who does not believe at least in natural religion. They have no sympathy with the multiplication of needless oaths, but the office of legislator is the highest responsibility in the Civil State, and has been wisely guarded by the solemnity of an oath. The purity of Parliament despends upon the probity and knowledge of its members. And these qualities are tested as far as man can test them by the oath, and any interference with this test the Bishops cannot pass without protesting in the strongest manner against such interference.

If, therefore, the Bishops were to look on in silence and without protest, they would feel themselves involved in this grave responsibility, and by this public declaration they desire to free themselves from such, and to record their views on this important subject.

Mr. Goldwin Smith does not appear to have been any happier in his remarks at the Canadian Club meeting in

New York, judging from the comments of American papers, than in his speech at the St. George's Society dinner in the same city, which brought down upon him the strong dissent of Mr. Chauncey Depew.

Referring to the recent movement among British-Americans in the United States to become citizens, he said.

"Naturalization is the best tribute which the emigrant can pay to the native country to which his heart still turns. He can render her no service by a sullen inactivity. He can render her service only by the legitimate use of his influence as a citizen in the councils of his adopted country."

Therefore, says one New York paper, the British-Americans are to seek the privileges of citizens of the United States in order to render service to England. This is a prostitution of the rights conferred upon them by naturalization. Naturalized subjects swear to be faithful to republican institutions, and if they are to utilize those institutions to promote the interests of a foreign power, they are guilty of perjury.

The Boston Pilot's Roman correspondent says that a rumor has been prevailing in Rome for some days of a most disquieting nature, at least so far as English people are concerned. It was first hesitatingly stated, and now it is boldly declared that the gift made to Leo XIII by Queen Victoria, which everybody believed was solid gold, is really nothing else than cheap silver gilt. It is said also that the Duke of Norfolk, as the bringer of the Queen of England's gift to the Pontiff, was latterly in a nervous state lest the truth should be discovered before he could get out of Rome.

Archbishop Walsh, says a report from Rome on the 2nd, is having frequent conversations with Cardinal Simeoni. His Grace, while declaring his readiness to submit to the Pope's recent rescript, is represented as saying that he could not act in opposition to his conscience, and would rather, without making any difficulty, resign his position in Dublin, in which case, the report adds, he would be created a Cardinal. Cable reports of this character are, however, to be received with caution. His Grace is not understood to have approved of the Plan of Campaign

In order that the Church Suffering may participate in the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Christ's Vicar—as well as the Church Militant by pilgrimages and offerings, the Church Triumphant by beatifications and canonizations—an Encyclical Letter has been addressed to the patriarchs, primates, archbishops, and bishops of the whole world, in which the Soverign Pontiff prescribes for the last Sunday of September a special Mass of expiation in behalf of the souls in purgatory, to be celebrated "with the greatest possible solemnity, and with the rite assigned in Missal 'for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed." The favour of the privilege altar is granted to all celebrants; and to the rest of the faithful, on the usual conditions, a plenary indulgence applicable to the suffering souls.

The Church in Canada.

Under this heading will be collected and preserved all obtainable data bearing upon the history and growth of the Church in Canada. Contributions are invited from those having in their possession any material that might properly come for publication in this department

HON. JOHN ELMSLEY.

One of the most conspicuous figures in the early Catholic annals of Toronto, and, indeed, in the public affairs of the Province, is undoubtedly the Hon. John Elmsley. He was a son of the Hon. John Elmsley, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, who was born in the parish of Marylebone, Middlesex, England, in the year 1762; was called to the Bar, at the Middle Temple, on May 7th, 1790, and was appointed Chief Justice of Upper Canada, in succession to the Hon. William Osgoode, in the year 1796, having been at the B ir only six years and six months. For this appointment, it is said, he was indebted to the patronage of the Duke of Portland, who was a friend of his uncle, a member of the celebrated London publishing house of Elmsley and Brother. Peter Elmsley, of Oxford, the celebrated classical editor and critic, was a brother of the Chief Justice. The King's (George III) patent appointing Mr. Elmsley to the Chief Justiceship of the Province was dated the twenty-first day of November, 1796. He first took his seat at the Court House, Newark (Niagara), then the Capital of Upper Canada, on the sixteenth of January, 1797. The Seat of Government was transferred to York (Toronto) during the same year, and Chief Justice Elmsley subsequently took up his residence there. He lived for many years in what was known as "Elmsley House," on the corner of King and Simcoe streets, now the residence of the Lieutenant-Governor. It was in this house that the subject of this sketch, the Hon. John Elmsley the younger, or Captain Elmsley, as he was more popularly known, was born. At an early age he entered the Royal Navy, from which, however, he retired with the rank of Lieutenant about the year 1832. In 1837 he was appointed to the command of a Government vessel on the lower St. Lawrence, and subsequently retired to his estate, known as Clover Hill, now the site of St. Michael's College. The old homestead, which bore the name of "Barnstable," stood a little to the west of the College, adjoining Queen's Park, and it is not a great many years since it was pulled down and the present substantial brick residence erected in its stead. Here Captain Elmsley devoted himself to farming for some years, but his old love for the sea reasserting itself, he again took command of a vessel, named the James Coleman, and traded on his own account be-tween Halifax and Quebec. Later than this again he commanded one of the mail steamers on Lake Ontario, named the Sovereign. Of this last venture Mr. D. B. Read, Q.C., in his admirable sketches in the Magazine of Western History, on "The Bench and Bar of Upper Canada," says:

"At a time when skilful seamen were required for the lake steamer plying between Toronto and Kingston, and the St. Lawrence, the captainship of the rteamer Sovereign was committed to the salt water sailor, Captain Elmsley; indeed, his title of Captain was acquired from his having charge of lake craft; he was a skilful and popular captain. I remember on one occasion being a passenger of his on a voyage of his vessel going from Toronto to Kingston. Before daylight of the morning we should have arrived at Kingston, the vessel (the Sovereign), in a dense fog, owing to no fault of the mate in charge, ran upon Nine Mile Point, nine miles above Kingston. I had, on that occasion, an opportunity of observing the care and skill of Captain Elmsley in the command of the steamer, extricating her from her dangerous position after a delay of several hours."

Captain Elmsley's title of "Honourable" was acquired by his being appointed to a seat in the Executive Council of Upper Canada subsequent to the year 1837. He continued all his life to take an active interest in public affairs, and was well known and respected for his charity and benevolence.

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In the year 1833 a great stir was created in Toronto (or York as it was then called) by the conversion of Captain Elmsley to the Catholic faith. He had hitherto been an active and

zealous member of the Church of England, but his reading about this time, of the Bishop of Strasburg's Commentary of the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, resulted in his leaving the Church of England and becoming a Catholic. Conversions were rare in those days, and the community was strongly and aggressively Protestant. It may be imagined, therefore what interest must have centered about the conversion of s prominent a citizen as Mr. Elmsley. But Mr. Elmsley had but little human respect in his constitution, and the light of failt having dawned upon him, he hesitated not a moment in ober ing the call of God and submitting to the Catholic Church Shortly afterwards he issued a pamphlet embodying his reason for his change of faith, and with a view to giving it as wide a circulation as possible, he distributed it through the Province gratis. A bitter controversy ensued. Rt. Rev. John Strachan Anglican Archdeacon of Toronto, entered the arena against his former parishioner, and had published at the Courier office in 1834, a pamphlet addressed to the congregation of St. James Church, in which he endeavoured to convince Mr. Elmsler that he had made a mistake. This was followed by an edition of Blanco White's "Poor Man's Preservative against Popery," which Dr. Strachan, no doubt, considered unanswerable. But the Protestant party was not permitted to have everything its own way as the publication of several pamphlets on the Catholic side clearly proves. One of these, an edition of "Hu senbeth's Defence of the Catholic Church, with a Preface by a Catholic Layman of Upper Canada," contains the following passage which sufficiently indicates that Protestant methods of controversy have not changed, but were then, as now, more remarkable for abuse and misrepresentation than for either ability or candour;

"In a free country where every man has a right to profess the creed which he finds most congenial to his conscience, we see no reason why a Catholic should be hunted down, for availing himsell, of the privilege which every sectarian in the land enjoys.

reason why a Catholic should be hunted down, for availing himself, of the privilege which every rectarian in the land enjitys.

"The desertion of the Hon. John Elmsley from the Church of England, and his embracing the doctrines of the Catholic Church, has raised such an alarm among Protestants of all denominations in this city, that it appears to be the tocsin for those of the most jarring and discordant dogmas to rally round their divided fabric, and bring their united artillery to bear upon Mr. Elmsley; not satisfied with the 'triumphant and gentlemanlike' answer of the venerable Archdeacon of Toronto, they must pour upon him the most scurrilous and billingsgate abuse from the kennel of the Courier, which is, however, far beneath the notice of any man of character to answer."

The writer of this paragraph had, it is quite apparent, assailants to deal with of a like calibre to those to whom Toronto has been treated within the past few weeks—assailants whose methods are sufficient refutation of their arguments. Another publication which appeared at the time, and which for its intrinsic merit deserves to be remembered, was: "Remarks on Doctor Strachan's pamphlet against the Catholic Doctrine of theReal Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist," by the Rev. William Peter MacDonald, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Kingston, which then, and until the erection of Toronto into a separate diocese in 1841, included the whole of Upper Canada. It was immeasurably the ablest and most effective contribution to the literature of the controversy, and is an admirable summary, drawn from Scripture and the Fathers, of Catholic teaching, on the subject of which it treats.

Mr. Elmsley proved the sincerity of his conversion by the ardour with which he threw himself into the practice of his religion. He became a great benefactor of the Church and persevered until the end in the Catholic faith. The land on which St. Michael's College and St. Basil's Church now stand was donated by Mr. Elmsley for the purpose, so also was that on which St. Joseph's Convent is ouilt. The neighbourhood. still goes by the name of Clover Hill.

About the year 1837, Mr. Elmsley was married to Miss Charlotte Sherwood, eldest daughter of Mr. Justice Sherwood. By her he had a large family, none, however, of whom survive except his son Remigius, who now resides in England. One daughter became a nun and died in England.

Mr. Elmsley died in the year 1865, at the age of 64, and was buried in the family vault in St. Michael's Cathedral. His heart, however, is deposited beneath the altar of the Blessed Virgin in St. Basil's Church, and the Basilian Fathers have there erected to his memory a marble tablet bearing the following inscription:

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HON. JOANNI ELMSLEY. Cujus cor hic depositum est SOCIETAS S. BASILII GRATA.

Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori illi: autem sunt in pace. Sep. 111. 2, 3.

His death was a great loss to the Catholic community of Always conspicuous for his good deeds he could ill espared, but though he is gone he has left for us who have ome after him a shining example of generosity and loyal devoon to the Church.

The foregoing does not profess to be anything like an lequate sketch of Mr. Elmsley's career, but merely "a few attered fragments" here published so as to be available for dure reference.

H. F. McIntosh.

MONTREAL GOSSIP.

The three dread days sacred in Montreal to the annual flitng from house to house are upon us, the preliminary packing

as commenced and desolation reigns.
To Let, For Sale, Boarders Wanted, and such like an-

ouncements figure upon our door posts, and do not, by any peans, convey that comforting assurance of security which the only real and original "posters did to the privileged few long go in the land of Egypt. It is not pleasant to have one's andlady suddenly give up house-keeping. There is about it nawful feeling of being thrown into deep waters, with an abolute ignorance of where one may swim to-Looking for odgings is a most depressing occupation, and is not rendered he more pleasant when one sets about it with a heart full of regrets for the pleasant home so soon to be broken up forever. It is fashionable to write with airy sarcasm up on the discomforts of boarding house life; but readable as such complaints are, they are frequently most unjust. Landladies are not always the relentless fies of those whom their roof covers. The mutton is not invariably tough nor the soup watery, and when, in addition to creature comforts, one has the society of pleasant, refined, intellectual people, whose pursuits are all more or less different, and whose views are equally varied, conressation has a piquancy and the after-dinner hour in the drawing-room a charm that does not always exist amid the anxieties of a home circle.

Then the oddities that one meets-those who, though among us, are not of us, who rarely intrude within the charmed circle of the drawing-room, but who, in the seclusion of their apartments, pursue the recreation that seems best in their eyes, alone, and I fear, unnppreciated. One of these I knew once. He was a chirpy youth, born, I imagine, within sound of Bow Bells, and his daily avocation was that of a clerk in a fancy store. There all day long he posed as the "aimable and ob-liging young man," coming home to dinner with the ghost of his professional smile upon his lips. He was musical—very he played the scales while in the drawing room, and he played the banjo in his own room. But that was not all, with him a tendency to musical frenzy was united to a taste for groping in the mysterious labyrinth where the feet of none but a pharmaceutical chemist may stray with impunity, and he manufactured a superior (so he said) kind of limiment in his bed-room. What he did with the large bottles of white and pungent fluid I know not. Where he obtained, or whether he invented the recipe I never could ascertain. He was most generous in offers of bestowing the mixture upon his fellow boarders, but they, warned by one wise in the things of this world, to a man, refused the offer; for upon their acceptance would have followed the request for a note in the testimonial form, which would, sooner or later, have figured in the patent medicine column of some paper.

Benign Biggs of happy memory! May good luck attend your liniment-making future, and the yellow of your Sunday necktie never pale! What fun you innocently afforded us,

when gathered together in an upper room, we discussed your little peculiarities together with our coffee and cigars.

> "Full many a ditty,
> Both wise and witty,
> In this ancient city have I heard since then. With your name before me, How the dream comes o'er me, Of those attic suppers and those vanished men!"

It is a very bad habit of the citizens of Montreal—this perpetual moving. Besides ruining the furniture of the ambulating population, and destroying the wall hangings and paint of the more stationary landlord, it must weaken, if not annihilate, the sense of security, the faith and love and sentiment which should gather about a home. To us old folk, whose hearts still glow with the memory of the pine knot fires of our childhood's days, it is impossible to annually call up an affection for the domestic hearth, heated by asbestos and gas, which is ours only until the first of next May. Even the "old arm chair" and the "moss-covered bucket" of yore would lose their individuality and their charm if each successive year saw them occupying a new position in one or other of the "desirable residences" so freely advertised.

Talking of advertisements, one sometimes finds funny ones in our papers, owing, I suppose, to the universal use of two languages among us. I saw in the Star recently a demand for "a live young man," while in another column a rather distinguished dressmaking establishment publish, "Hands wanted on ladies' waists!" A small-ware shop proclaims that "Misses Aucoin stamps every kinds of embroidery," but dons not come up to a sign which a few years ago hung in McCord-street, and which on one side bore the inscription, "Mad. Pigeon couturiere dans les hardes d'hommes," while on the reverse we read the very literal translation, "Mad. Pigeon, dressmaker in men's clothes!"

A very foolish and wicked advertisement has been lately doing a great deal of harm here—that of a fortune-teller. It 19 almost incredible that a low bold woman, living in a remote corner of St. Jean Baptiste village, should have power to decoy educated and sensible people to go and listen to her senseless fabrications. Yet such is the case, and her parlours are crowded, and she waxing rich over the utter idiocy of her sim-That Catholics should patronise such an oracle ple victims. is very regrettable, for of the a "much shall be required." Father Quinlivan, at the eight o'clock mass yesterday, alluded to this most pernicious snare, and gave illustrations of real unhappiness which had ensued from visits paid and credence given to the impostor who pretends to lift the veil of the future. The rev. gentleman also touched on certain supersti-tions common among some of his flock, and which he severely condemned, such as the reading of tea-cups, fearing to enter a house by one door and leave it by another, or turning back from a journey if one chanced to encounter a black cat or a red haired woman. These crotchets, he said, were the remains of a pagan superstition, and unworthy of a place in the mind of a Christian and a Catholic.

Father Kenny, at the Gesu, last night preached on human respect,-a magnificent sermon lasting sixty minutes, and listened to with profound attention by a crowded congregation. Popularity, he said, was a pagan word. Pilate, though he found our Lord guiltless, succumbed to his longing for popularity when he brought Him out and said to the people, "Behold the man!" Rather than lose his popularity he sent his God to the Cross. The Rev Father dwelt long and fully on the various forms of human respect, showing how it conquers even love and gratitude, for, said he, when they led Christ away to put him to death, there were walking about the streets of Jerusalem cripples whom He had made to walk, there were looking at Him the blind whom He had made to see, and yet they owned Him not! The sermon was one addressed to Catholics, rather than controversial, and the Rev. Father concluded by adjuring us all to be good and valiant soldiers of

OLD MORTALITY.

Montreal, 30th April, 1888.

THE RESCUE OF THE MADONNA.

BY PADRE COLOMA.

And in their seats they were great for doing them, little for telling them.—de Mariana.

Extraordinary activity was to be seen, on the 8th of April, 1579, in the main body of the troops encamped at the foot of the walls of Maestricht, on either bank of the Meuse. Germans, Burgundians, Irishmen, Italians, and Spaniards were everwhere astir in their respective quarters, with that well ordered movement which always discloses unity of command and faithful execution. The light cavalry of the currassiers was dragging branches and earth from the river bank. From this some were preparing fagots for leveling up the fosses; others were occupied on the earthworks to protect the manœuvring of the artillery, and on sacks of wool and hops, which had grown for the beer of Flanders, to repair the intrench-ments. And there were some bringing forward on their guncarriages the cannon for demolishing the walls. These were to be placed on strong bastions raised to an equal height with the city's defences. Everyone was making ready for the assault, which after a siege of three months was at last to be given at dawn of the following day.

Guiding and directing all was a cavalier who, accompanied by various others, trotted along on his bay horse, visiting the different quarters. He was without arms of any kind, and wore simply a blue mantle trimmed with marten skins, and a bonnet of the same on his head, It was Alexander Farnese, Duke of Parma and Piacenza, the Governor General of the Low Countries in the name of His Catholic Majesty King

Philip II. the Prudent.

In the background stood out the black walls of Macstricht, a city in mourning, afflicted by the triple scourge of war, famine, and heresy. The heretic soldiers had sacked the Catholic churches and torn down the sacred images, some of which they had placed on the batteries and along the walls, where there was most to fear from the arquebuses and cannon of the Spaniards. One of these, of great size and beauty, represented the Virgin Mary holding her Divine Son in her They had suspended it from the bastion nearest to the Catholic entrenchments; and soldiers, robed in the priestly ornaments, travesticd around it the ceremonies of worship, carrying their daring so far as to march along the very edge of the losse, decked out in their sacred finery. This sacrilegious chal'enge awoke throughout the Catholic camp a holy wrath, which is ever the mother of great deeds. The cowardly indifference of our days does not understand such wrath, and so calls it intolerance and fanaticism; but the very spirit of truth counsels and justifies it-Be angry and sin not.

D:um taps had already sounded, telling the Catholic soldiers the hour of retiring to their quarters. With the twilight they withdrew to their barracks at a second signal; they could then no longer pass through the encampment without giving the sentinels the Saint and countersign of the day.

During this time, in one of the quarters where the famous Spanish infantry of the Icrcios was encamped, a spectacle was going on, ordinary enough in that age, but strange nowadays. It would have made more than one undisciplined soldier smile

in our day of revolutions and pronounciamentos.

In an open place left free by the rows of tents, a multitude of soldiers had thronged together, some seated, others on foot, forming a great circle. In the midst was a man of short stature and slender mien, mourted upon a drum covered by a hoard. He wore the Jesuit's cassock, and lifting up his crucifix was preaching to the redoubtable warriors, preparing them to die

in order to teach them how to conquer.

The crowd of men, trained and hardened to war, many of them fierce and not a few petulant and ill-humoured, real rivals of the Maccabees, of the highest bravery and staking their all on their courage, listened with lowered heads to the tremendous truths, while more than one tear furrowed grimy cheeks and was lost in grizzled mustaches, and more than one iron gauntlet beat against the steel coat of mail, underneath which was hidden a contrite heart. For the characteristic trait of that period, so exalted by some, so calumniated by others-that which removes it so far from our own, inasmuch as its glory has been clouded and its power lessened—was, that faith was still living in every heart; that reverence for the priesthood gave resistless force to Christian correction; and that easy-going morality had not yet turned from their true meaning the names

of good and evil. On this account many who did evil ke that they were evil-doers, and feared public censure; and; conviction and fear left an open door to the shame that beg humility of spirit when the soul is to be purified, and to repentance which asks and obtains pardon and insures ame

Many soldiers and officers strayed away from the circle, slowly directed their steps to various tents distinguished for the others by the cross which crowned them. They were make their confession to the missionaries of the Society Jesus, who had been summoned by the Duke of Parma to camp and were now in readiness for that purpose.

A young man of noble presence was just returning from guard at one of the two bridges of boats which kept up co munication between the army on either side of the river. had the showy red and yellow uniform of the infantry of Tercios, and the absence of the corselet showed his grade ensign. Young, wanton, and of habits much too free and k ous, he had undergone various reproofs on the part of the Jesuit missionaries, which had irritated his mind against the He stopped, however, in a group of cavaliers who, seated of bundles of forage, were listening to the word of God only few steps away from the preacher.

The sun, which was never again to rise for tonny, had alread set, and the walls of Maestricht were gradually taking it aspect of an immense black profile standing out against the pale red tints of the horizon. The heretics had kindled to fires on the walls, one on each side of the statue of the M donna on the bastion. In the ruddy splendor could be a tinguished the sacred image, its back turned to the aposts city, and presenting to the Spaniards the Divine Child as asking the protection of their faith, which he had sealed a

Calvary.

The Jesuit turned to the walls, and pointed toward the state with his finger.

"Who has the heart to rescue it?" he said with simplicing "Do this, and at its feet we will give thanks for the taking Maestricht."

As he heard this the ensign threw his gauntlets to the ground and exclaimed, with an arrogance born rather of his former spite than of insolence:
"May I never set foot in Castile, if this Juan Fernande

doesn't think it easier to scale a bustion than to give his a solutions!"

His words reached the cars of the Jesuit. He stepped dom from the drumhead, with uplifted crucifix, and came straight toward the group of soldiers. His low stature seemed sw denly to have grown lofty; his lowly aspect had disappeared giving place to an imposing majesty which had something the superhuman.
"Do you know me?" he cried to the arrogant ensign, take

ing him by the arm.
"Yes!" answered the latter, troubled and surprised.

"Know you that I am a priest?"
"Yes!"

"Then kneel at my feet, and kiss this hand which absolut and blesses in the name of Christ!

And as he who had been called Juan Fernandez said that his voice was of such power, so masterful his tone, that the abashed cavalier slowly uncovered his head, bent his knee with the ground, and kissed the hand which the Jesust held out w

All around were mute. The soldier rose, and than-subdenly-Father Juan Fernandez threw himself at the other feet. and howed his head to the dust.

"You have satisfied the minister of God, sir knight!" he said. "The man—the wretched rustic Juan Fernandez—in not fit to kiss the dust of your feet. If you trample on him, Senor Alvar de Mirabal, you will only tread on a heap of many miseries!

The soldier burst out sobbing. The drums gave at this moment the second signal, and the circle slowly broke up, the

soldiers entering their tents.

Two hours later deep silence reigned in the camp, broken only by the shrill challenge of the sentinels. A man, wrapped in a long black cloak, then issued forth from the tent of Fahr Juan Fernandez. It was the ensign Alvar de Mitabal, who had made his confession to the Jesuit and sworn at his feet to die in the assault or to rescue the image of Mary which the heretic profaned.

(To be continued.)

MATTHEW ARNOLD ON AMERICAN CIVILIZA-TION.

From Mr. Arnold's much discussed article in the last numof the Nineteenth Century, on American Civilization, we uke the following extracts:-

It is often said that every nation has the government it ecryes. What is much more certain is that every nation has be newspapers it deserves. The newspaper is the direct profact of the want felt, the supply answers closely and inevitably othe demand. I suppose no one knows what the American emspapers are, who have not been obliged, for some length of ime, to read either those newspapers or none at all. Poweral and valuable contributions occur scattered about in them. But on the whole, and taking the total impression and effect nide by them, I should say that if one were searching for the best means to efface and kill in a whole nation the discipline f respect, the feeling for what is elevated, one could not do better than take the Amsrican newspapers. The absence of muh and soberness in them, the poverty in serious interest, the personality and sensation mongering, are beyond belief. . . .If I relate some of my own experiences, it is because these all give a clear enough notion of what the newspapers over there are, and one remembers more definately what has happened to oneself. Soon after arriving in Boston, I opened a Boston newspaper and came upon a column headed: "Tickboston newspaper and came upon a coulmn headed: "Tickings." By tickings we are to understand news conveyed through the tickings of the telegraph. The first "ticking" was: "Matthew Arnold is sixty-two years old"—an age I must say, a passing, which I had not then reached. The second "ticking" was: "Wales says Mary is a darling;" the meaning being that the Prince of Wales expressed great admiration for ing that the Prince of Wales expressed great admiration for Miss Mary Anderson, the American actress. This was at Boston. I proceeded to Chicago. An evening paper was given me soon after I arrived; I opened it, and found under alarge type heading, "We have seen him arrive," the following picture of myself: "He has harsh features, supercilious manners, parts his hair down the middle, wears a single eyestass and ill-fitting clothes." Notwithstanding this rather unfavourable introduction I was most kindly and hospitably recired at Chicago. It happened that I had a letter for Michael and the second that I had a letter for Michael an ceived at Chicago. It happened that I had a letter for Mr. Medill, an elderly gentleman of Scotch descent, the editor of the chief newspaper in those parts, the Chicago Tribune. I alled on him, and we conversed amicably together. Some time afterward, when I had gone back to England, a New York paper published a criticism of Chicago and its people, purporting to have been contributed by me to the Pall Mall Gazette over here. It was a poor hoax, but many people were taken nand were excusably angry, Mr. Medill of the Chicago Tribune among the number. A friend telegraphed me to know if I had written the criticism. I, of course, instantly telegraphed back that I had not written a syllable of it. Then a Chicago paper is sent to me; and what I have the pleasure of reading, as the result of my contradiction, is this: "Arnold denies; Mr. Medill (my old friend) refused to accept Arnold's disclaimer; says Arnold is a cur.'

I once declared that in England the born lover of ideas and of light could not but feel that the sky over his head is of brass and iron. And so I say that, in America, he who craves for the interesting in civilization, he who requires from what surrounds him satisfaction for his sense of heauty, his sense for elevation, will feel the sky over his head to be of brass and iron. The human problem, then, is as yet solved in the United States most imperfectly; a great void exists in civilization over there; a want of what is elevated and beautiful, of what

is interesting. Again, far from admitting that their newspapers are a scandal, they assure one another that their newspaper press is one of their most signal distinctions. Far from admitting that in literature they have as yet produced little that is important, they play at treating American literature as if it were a great independent power; they reform the spelling of the English language by the insight of their average man. For every English writer they have an American writer to match. him good Americans read; the Western States are at this moment being nourished and formed, we hear, on the novels of a native author called Roe, instead of those of Scott and Dickens. Far from admitting that their average man is a

danger, and that his predominance has brought about a painful

lack of refinement, distinction and heavy, they declare in the words of a prominent critic at Boston, that " Nature said, some years since: ' Thus far the English is the best race, but we have had Englishmen enough; put in one drop more of nervous fluid and make the American.' And with that drop a new range of promise opened on the human race, and a lighter, finer, more highly organized type of mankind was born." Far from admitting that the American accent, as the pressure of their climate and of their average man has made it, is a thing to be striven against, they assure one another that it is the right accent, the standard English speech of the future. It reminds me of a thing in Smollett's dinner-party of authors. Seated by "the philosopher who is writing a most orthodox refutation of Bolingbroke, but in the meantime has just been presented to the Grand Jury as a public nuisance for having blasphemed in an ale-house on the Lord's Day "—seated by this philosopher is "the Scotchman who is giving lectures on the pronunciation of the English language." . . . This "drop "plays a stupendous part in the American rhapsody of self-praise. Undoubtedly the Americans are highly nervous, both the men and the women. A great Paris physician says that he notes a distinct new form of nervous disease, produced in American women by worry about servants. But this nervousness developed in the race out there by worry, overwork, want of exercise, injudicious diet, and a most trying climate—this morbid nervousness our friends ticket as the fine susceptibility of genius, and cite it as a proof of their distinction, of their superior capacity for civilization.

BOOK REVIEWS.

His Victory, by Christian Reid, Ave Maria Press; Notre

Dame, Ind.
"His Victory" is the latest of the "Ave Maria" series of stories. They are intended for young people, and meant to counteract the rubbishy fiction so common. We do not know of any better series of Catholic stories.

Donahoe's Mayazine for May is rep ete with articles of ster-ling merit. The paper on "A Pleading for the Worthless," by Cardinal Manning, is given entire. "Our Catholic by Cardinal Manning, is given entire. "Our Catholic Schools," by Rev. P. A. Baart, is also given in this issue, with other articles of interest to all readers. The poets are well represented by Eleanor C. Donnelly, Rev. James Keegan and others. T. D. Sullivan's "Lays of Tullamore" are given

We have never been able to understand, though, why so carefully edited a magazine could give place to the series of papers "A Bostonian in New York" which, we observe, are still running their dreary length. They are absolutely without merit- This month the writer is making a circuit of the barrooms.

The Messenger of the Sacred Heart for May keeps well to the brilliant promise of its April departure. The frontispiece—"The Madonna Enthroned" of Murano—is a handsomely engraved bit of pre-Raphaelite work. The historical story,—
"The Rescue of the Madonna,"—a portion of which we produce in this number, is also strongly illustrated, and shows, in the vivid horrors of a seige, how it may be "easier to scale a bastion than to give an absolution." Of the other articles, the first instalment of the eventful life of "Father Peter Beckx, 22nd General of the Society of Jesus," and "Mracles of One of Mary's Saints" (the new Saint John Berchmans), are of general interest; as is also the account, from the Papal documents, of the growth of the now almost universal League of the Sacred Heart, of which the twenty-nine Messengers, in fourteen different languages, constitute the periodical organ. One of the "Songs of the May," also reprinted in the Review, may become popular wherever true Irishmen are found. It takes us from

Sweet is the song of the exile
When he thinks of his home at Loughrea—

into

The penitent heart of the May.

The Minneapolis Tribune says: "no sooner had Rev. Frank Bristol intimated that sheel was somewhere in Chicago than a company was formed to bore for sulphur."

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ST. MICHAEL'S PALACE, Toronto, 20th Dec., 1866.

GENTLEMEN.

GENTLEMEN,—
I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God-speed to your intended journal, The Catholic Werrely Review. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founderwas, halls with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling is morance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universa, instructor for either evil or good, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false dectrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Hollylon by its publication. Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise.

I am, faithfully cours.

Long faithfully cours.

I am, faithfully yours.

Join Joseph Lynch, Archbishop of Toronto.

FROM THE LATE BISHOP OF HAMILTON.

HAMILTON, March 17, 1687

My Dean Mr. Fitzgerald.—
You have well kept your word as to the metter style, form and quality of the Beview, and I do hope it will become a splendid success.

Hollove me, yours faithfully, Hanny, Bishop of Hamilto

TORONTO, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 1888.

"The Church," says the Mail, "is retrogressive, a reactionary obscurantism." But may it not be that to retrograde is not always to lose an advantage? What can be lost, for example, by receding from the brink of a precipice?

From the Protestant point of view it is a truism that an unmarried minister is but half equipped for his ministry. And from their point of view they are right. The clergyman's wife is a no less admirable worker in a Protestant parish, a no less useful constituent in the society of the Church circle, than the clergyman himself. That Protestant divines, however accomplished and scholarly, should be unable to look at the question of sacerdotal wedlock or celibacy from any other point of view than that suggested by the habits and associations of the Protestant ministry, is perhaps natural and perhaps inevitable. But the ethos of Catholic sacerdotal life is altogether different from that of which they are the professed exponents, and so is the sentiment with which that life is regarded in Catholic nations. We can sympathize with the French decorator in "Barry Lyndon" who, when complaining of the forcible stop put by the Rev. Dr. Huff-the Abbé Huff as he called him-to his plans for substituting Venuses and Cupids in the place of the Gothic monuments of Hackton Church, is related by Mr. Thackeray to have exclaimed, " Quel Abbé, grand Dieu; il avait douze enfants!" To the Catholic mind twelve pledges of clerical love are a stumbling block, an argumentum ad hominem.

In another column will be found the text, as publishe in the London papers, of the circular of the Holy Se condemning, as contrary to justice and charity, the polu cal methods known as the Plan of Campaign and the boy cott in Ireland. We have not yet had an opportunity d seeing the original instrument in the Latin, but there are pears no good reason to doubt the substantial accurac of the published versions. We need not say that an communication coming from the Holy See will be received by Irish Catholics, laymen as well as ecclesiastics, with profound respect.

The present Decree is, we think, much the same in its spirit as that addressed to the Irish bishops in May, 1881 The Holy See recognizes the right of the Irish people to seek redress for their grievances, and to strive for their rights, but points out that it is wrong to further any cause, no matter how just, by illegal methods. The effort, unfortunately being made to stir up a feeling of disloyalty to the Holy See, as a consequence of this pronouncement. will deceive nobody. The Holy Father, it is known, love the people of Ireland, and desires to see their wrongs redressed. He would be the last wilfully to do them harm. Through centuries of persecution, at the stake and at the gallows, they have proved their fidelity to the faith and their allegience to the Holy See; and it would be an evil day when anything occurred to weaken that faith, or shake that allegience—evil for the Irish people and for the cause of religion. And that being so, it should be the duty of every good Irishman to be careful that he says nothing and does nothing which might injure the Irish cause, or increase the difficulties of the position.

To a Press representative who inquired of Mr. Parnell a few days ago what view-he took of the claim that even the Coercion law ought to be obeyed under all circumstances, the Irish leader made a pronouncement of more than common importance. He is reported to have replied that, while usually holding it to be especially necessary at this time that the Irish people be most circumspectin avoiding the commission of any illegality, he considered that so far as regards actions which are newly constituted offences by the coercion measure of last session, such as the maintenance and assertion of the rights of liberty of speech, the freedom of public meeting and of the press in proclaimed districts, all of which are struck at by the Crimes Act, he held "that the Irish people are absolutely bound to refuse to obey such an iniquitous law, and to deny that it has any moral sanction."

Mr. Parnell, in a word, raises a momentous question, the obligation of a civil, but unjust, law upon conscience, the faculties of the civil power, and the correlative question of the right, if not the duty, of resistance. And since his words will be approved and condemned, by those of one way of thinking as just, and on moral grounds unobjectionable, and by those of another way of thinking as revolutionary and irreligious, we venture to look for a moment to what Catholic theologians have said on the matter, approaching it, however, with a proper sense of the gravity, delicacy, and difficulty that surrounds the whole subject. That whatever is not founded upon right can only be maintained by force is a maxim. And we Catholics have a special interest in such an investigation, since the Church is proclaimed as the enemy of popular rights, and as favouring despotism.

The theological schools have turned for now several centuries to the works of St. Thomas Aquinas as the best statement of the principles to which civil power should adhere, and upon which it should progress. It is understood that whoever has fully comprehended his "Treatise upon Laws" has no further information to acquire respecting the great principles which ought to guide legislators. Modern demagogues who speak lightly of past times will be astonished to hear this, because St. Thomas Aquinas was a thirteenth century religious. His definition of law is that, we believe, which has directed most theologians, and may be considered as an abridgment of the theological doctrines which obtain in relation to the scope of state power. It is through the medium of law that the civil power acts upon society, and law is defined by St. Thomas as "a rule dictated by reason, the aim of which is the public good, and promulgated by him who has the care of society." The use of the word "reason" here is held to banish from the definition any idea of the virtue of force or of despotism. They are understood to mark the absence of reason. "Human laws, if they are just," says the angelic Doctor, "are binding on conscience, and they derive their power from the eternal law, from which they are formed, according to what is said in Proverbs, chap. 8, 'By Me kings reign, and the lawgivers decree just things." "This proves," says Balmez, "according to St. Thomas, that just law is derived, not exactly from human reason, but from the eternal law; and that this is what makes it binding upon conscience." The Catholic Church, no one is ignorant of the fact, has ever preached obegience to the civil power, to the extent even, her enemies claim, of bolstering up despotisms. Are there then circumstances under which it is allowable to resist the civil power? The general principle inculcated by the Church at all times, it must be repeated, has been the obligation of obeying legitimate authority. But if the question be simply and distinctly stated, "Are we to obey the civil power when it commands something that is evil in itself, or when it interferes in matters not included in the circle of its faculties?" "No," answer the theologians, "for the reason that, in the first place, what is evil in itself is forbidden by God. and 'we must obey God rather than men,' and, in the second place, it is not with regard to such matters a power. What is the independence of the spiritual power but a reminder that the rights of civil power are limited, and that there are cases beyond its province in which a man may say, and ought to say, non serviam, I will not obey." In other words, so long as the civil power does not go beyond its proper limits the Christian is bound to be subject to it; when it oversteps the limits it does not enjoin obedience.

According to St. Thomas Aquinas whenever laws are unjust, as according to him they may be in many ways, they are not binding on conscience, unless for certain reasons, as, for example the fear of causing greater evils. Laws, as he states it, are unjust in two ways, either because they are opposed to the common weal and unjust in their aim, or that they are made by a person not invested with the proper authority. "Such laws," says the holy Doctor, "are rather outrages than laws; since, as St. Augustine observes, 'An unjust law does not appear to be a law." According to a great authority, Balmez, the doctrine of St. Thomas furnishes us with the following rules:

 We cannot, under any circumstances, obey the civil power when its commands are opposed to the divine law.

- 2. When laws are unjust, they are not binding in conscience.
- 3. It may become necessary to obey these laws from motives of prussuce, that is, in order to avoid scandals and commotions.
- 4. Laws are unjust from some one of the following causes:
- When they are opposed to, or their aim is not the good of the common weal, or when the legislator outsteps the limits of his faculties.

" Upon these principles" adds Balmez "the admirable institution of European Monarchy was founded. This teaching has created the moral defences by which that monarchy is surrounded; defences restraining it within the limits of its duties, even where political guarantees do not exist." At all events, they do not appear to incline towards despotism. "The people," says Balmez, " are not made for kings, kings are appointed for the good of the people; and if this object is not accomplished, the government is useless, whether it be a republic or monarchy. To flatter kings with opposite maxims is to ruin them. jurisdiction is ordained by God for the preservation of His people, .. ot for their destruction; for defence not for offence; for man's right and not for his injury." How unsearchable, he exclaims, are the ways of Providence. "I am the State," declared Louis XIV., and his corpse was insulted at his funeral, and his grandson suffered deach on the scaffold!

From the president of the most insignificant republic to the most powerful monarchy, the concensus of Christian teaching is that all governments have been established for the good of society.

How does that Government sustain its demand for obedience, which bases its rule upon force rather than upon justice; which denies the rights of free speech and public meeting; suspends, in the case of a misgoverned nation, every privilege and protection; proclaims martial law and overrides, horse and foot, the expression of the will of a people?

TO JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN.

Some great there are, not good—some good, not great—
Some neither great nor good, amongst mankind:
Some few both good and great—how hard to find—
When found, how easy to enumerate!
And yet we see not, in this present state,
The deeps and shallows of another mind,
Nor secrets of another soul—too blind
To know how much to love, how much to hate.
One soul, above the shallowness of sect,
We see, both great and good, in this our land:
A gentle soul, a giant intellect,
A master mind, a Heavenward helping hand!
Lead on, thou "Kindly light," great Prince, good Priest!
Lead on! Of those who love thee most, we love not leart.
JOHN CROKER BARROW, in Merry England.

The authorities of Ann Arbor University have invited Mr. D. A. O' Sullivan of this city to deliver an address before the senior law class on the Canadian system of government as compared with the N. S. Constitution. This he has agreed to do in the full term. The *Empire* referring to this hopes that the Americans will learn the good points of our constitution and adopt them into their own. Ann Arbor is the state university of Michigan and attended by about 1700 students coming from all parts of the Union.

The Queen has purchased from the deaf and mute paintyr, Vittorio Pazzi, a water colour copy of the Crucifixion by Perugino, in the Church of St. Augustine at Siena.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY.

The following we print from advance sheets of the Catholic World for June, being part of Bishop Keane's fifth article on the Catholic University:

Glancing now to our own country, we see how all these possibilities of honourable usefulness exist to an almost equal degree, appealing to the laudable ambition of our young ecclesiastics, while our peculiar circumstances present other inducements besides, which in France have but limited existence. Our seminaries and colleges, already numerous and excellent, must be still more multiplied and perfected in order to meet the demands of our rapidly increasing and steadily progressing Catholic population. The religious orders and congregations established for that special work stand already in sore need of helpers in so wide a field, and these must be prepared for their important task, not only by specially wide and profound studies but also by the normal training that will fit them to important allowed successfully. In proportion, too, as the ecclesiastical organization of our country comes more into accord with the norma of canon-law, our bishops will need men specially trained in this important branch of practical learning.

But the chief incentive will be found in the unparalleled

field which our country presents for the direct action of solid learning on the people through the pen and the spoken word. This is not found in an equal degree in France, nor, we might say, in any other country, because nowhere else are the relations between clergy and people so close, so intimate, so cordial, so trustful, as they are among us. In the old countries the polutcal and social events of centuries have conspired to make the clergy and the people classes apart, to lessen mutual sympathy and confidence. The utterances of the priest too often sound like a voice from another sphere, and, therefore, have not the practical weight which they ought to have with the denizens of this sublunary world. With us, the priest has only to show himself the learned, and holy, and high-minded and broad-hearted man that he ought to be, and he finds that his sacred character only adds power to his influence. Without those qualities his usefulness is apt to be confined within the limits of his sacramental ministration: but with such attributes of character and scholarship, he has a field before him here such as the world has never elsewhere beheld. To form such men and such scholars is to be the aim of the Catholic University of America. Who can doubt that the spirit of our people and the Providence of God will assure its realization? Who can doubt that, among the young ecclesiastics of the United States, many will be found in whose hearts love of God and love of country will awaken and foster the desire to fit themselves for such noble usefulness?

With them will shortly, please God, be associated in our University, as in Paris, numbers of young laymen who feel in their souls the ambition to be something more than mere money-making machines. Such souls there must be, and such souls there will be in constantly greater numbers. It would be an injustice to human nature to doubt it. They need but the right touch upon them to rouse them to self-consciousness and make them leap forward to proffered opportunities. To supply those opportunities, and to rouse the latent manhood in the breasts of the rising generation, is the work now before us. It is a work which God and Church and country must unite in blessing.

THE HOLY SEE AND IRELAND.

THE PAPAL DECREE ON THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

A despatch from Rome says that the College of the Holy Office was charged to examine Mgr. Persico's reports and decide whether Catholics belonging to the National League were guilty of sin and debarred from absolution. The Congregation, the Pope presiding, replied in the affirmative and drew up a decree to that effect. Cardinal Simeoni, acting under the Pope's orders, forwarded the decree to Ireland with special instructions to Mgr. Persico and the Irish Episcopacy, when instructing the clergy to enforce it, to inform them that they must refuse absolution to any one declining to renounce membership in the National League. It is further stated that neither the League nor its political aims are explicitly condemned by

the Holy Office, which confines itself to declaring that the methods employed are contrary to the religious duties of Catholics. The Pope approved the decision without in any way entering into political questions pending between England and Ireland. Archbishop Walsh is still in Ireland in compliance with orders from the Vatican.

TEXT OF THE DECREE.

LONDON, April 30.—The following is the text of the Papal decree: "On several occasions the Apostolic See has given the people of Ireland, whom it has always regarded with special benevolence, suitable admonitions and advice when circumstances required as to how they might defend their rights without miury to justice or pub-lic peace. Our Holy Father, Leo XIII., fearing lest, in the species of warfare that has been introduced among the Irish in the contests between landlords and tenants, and which is commonly called the 'plan of campaign,' and in the kind of social interdict called 'boycotting,' arising from the same contests, a true sense of justice and charity might be perverted, ordered the Supreme Congregation of the Inquisition to subject the matter to a serious and careful examination. Hence the following was proposed to their Eminences the Cardinals of that Congregation: Is it permissible in disputes between landlords and their tenants in Ireland to use means known as the 'plan of campaign' and 'boycotting'? After long and mature deliberation, their Eminences unanimously answered in the negative, and their decision was confirmed by the Holy Father on Wednesday, the 18th of the pres-ent month. The justice of this decision will be readily seen by anyone who applies his mind to consider that a rent agreed upon by mutual consent cannot, without violation of a contract, be diminished at the mere will of the tenant, especially when there are tribunals appointed for settling such controversies and reducing unjust rents within the bounds of equity, after taking into account the causes which diminish the value of the land. Neither can it be considered permissible that rents be extorted from tenants and deposited in the hands of unknown persons to the detriment of land owners. Finally, it is contrary to justice and charity to persecute by a social interdict those who are satisfied to pay the rents they agreed to pay, or those who in the exercise of their rights take vacant farms. It will, therefore, be Your Lordship's duty, prudently, but effectually, to advise and exhort the clergy and laity not to transgress the bounds of Christian charity and justice while they are striving for a remedy for their distressed condition.

"(Signed), R. CARDINAL MONACO.
"Rome, April 20."

CANADIAN CHURCH NEWS.

Work on the Church of Our Lady, Guelph, Canada, is advancing rapidly. The Church will be formally opened on the Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15.

Very Rev. Father Hamel, superior of the Society of Jesus in Canada, recently visited Guelph, his old parish. He preached High Mass on Sunday and in the afternoon delivered an address to the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The new French-Canadian periodical, Le Canada Francais, of which the second number has just appeared, has had an unprecedented success for Canada. The whole of the first issue has been exhausted, and the management have announced that they will issue a second edition within a short time in order to supply new subscribers.

A concert to consecrate the anniversary of the episcopal consecration of His Grace Archbishop Fabre was given on Tuesday evening in St.Peter's Cathedral, under the auspices of the Harmony Band, Les Montagnards and the Garde Archiepiscopale. The Cathedral was illuminated with electric light and heated by furnaces specially placed. Several bishops were present, and addresses preserted in French and English.

SONG OF THE MAY.

Sweet is the song of the exile

When he thinks of his home by Loughrea—
Of the father that told him of Mary,
And the mother that taught him to pray:
And he asks,—In the month of our Lady,
And of all the beauties of May,
Which is the dearest to Mary?
Ah, the sweetest of all, will you say?

Sweet then was the hum of the busy bee That told of the blossoms of May; And sweet the note of the linnet, Pouring forth joy in its lay; And sweet the tinkling of sheep-bells Stealing up from the vale near away; Sweet, too, was the fragrance of lilacs—Our Lady's own incense of May.

But sweeter the song of the ploughman
That told of the close of the day;
Sweeter the laugh of the brother
As he hid from his sister at play;
Far sweeter the "oice of the mother
When the angels, as good people say,
Were stirring the smiles of her baby
As if to allure it away.

Ah me, for the sweetest of music
Is the voice of the innocent child;
And the dearest of all in remembrance
Is the thought of the heart undefiled!
Ah, this, in the song of the exile,
When he thinks of his home by Loughrea,
Is the sweetest and dearest to Mary—
The penitent heart of the May.

S. J. C.

ASPECTS OF ANGLICANISM.

One of the most amusing of the Bah Ballade is that which recounts the history of the "Three Kings of Chickeraboo." Having determined "to be kings in a humble way," they "extemporize islands" of the most restricted dimensions near the beach, and each constitutes himse! the king of one of them. Their object in doing this is to be recognized by Great Britain, of whom they rudely say —

"If to her skirts you want to cling,
It's quite sufficient that you're a king;
She does not push inquiry far
To learn what kind of a king you are."

This is precisely the spirit in which Protestantism receives and welcomes "converts from Rome." Protestants are not in the least deterred by the exposure of one precious "convert" after another; nay, the exposed individual, after a singularly short retirement, comes again to the front, and all is forgiven—it can hardly be forgotten. Hammond and Widdows are once more among us, in spite of the charges as to the possession of a certain relic by the former, and of the far more serious and terrible scandals connected with the latter. Men—and women too—of position were not ashamed to espouse the cause of Achilli; and men of his stamp are still sure of a welcome, though a less hearty one than of yore, if they can only pose as "converts." "Miss Edith O'Gorman"— no is not "Miss," for she is married, as she herself tells us; not "Edith," for she was christened Bridget; and not "O'Gorman," for she is, of course, entitled to her husband's name—is still able, occasionally, to stir up bad feeling against Catholics; and the filthy fictions of "Maria Monk" and others of the same "ass, still find a large number of readers among those who conceal their taste for obscenity under a pretence of religion.

Not only among such as these, however, and among the wretched men who make a living by purveying filth of this kind, is this eagerness to relcome converts found, irrespective of their antecedents. Even men who, from their ecclesiastical as well as social position, might be expected to hold themselves aloof from such associations, are not ashamed to encourage those who, on their own showing, have not only apostatised from that "branch of the Church" to which, in the Anglican "national" theory, they ought to belong, but who have been accused of serious offences against decency and morality, and

have not attempted to rebut the accusations.

The most recent instance of this is exemplified in the history of one Count Campello, a Canon of St. Peter's, who, some six years ago, apostatised, and thereupon became a notable Protestant hero. The Church Times of March 23rd publishes a leng letter on this subject from the Rev. H. N. Oxenham, of

which the main points may be reproduced here.

It appears that the Count is attempting to form a congregation of his own in Umbria. This is not remarkable; the starting of a new religion is the natural sequence of the abandonment of the Church. What is noticeable is that this new schism is under the "provisional episcopal supervision" of the Protestant Bishop of Salisbury, and enjoys "the active support" of the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, and the "sympathy" of the Protestant Primate of England! This in itself is sufficiently startling, and ought to have some effect on those who accuse Catholics in this country of schism and intrusion; but, viewed in connection with Campello's antecedents, it becomes almost incredible.

Of course, were the new evangelist a man of blameless life and undoubted fervour, and attracted by the peculiar charms which the Church of England possesses, the enthusiasm with which he has been welcomed by these Anglican Archbishops might be understood. But none of these things can be said of When he left the Church, it was not Anglicanism but Methodism that he embraced, and it was in the Methodist Chapel in Rome that he formally apostatised. Why he left the Church it is not so easy to say, but it is certain that, some time before his perversion, he received a formal admonition from the Cardinal Vicar, acting under the express direction of the Pope, charging him with various irregularities. That a priest in Campello's position should frequent masked balls during the carnival, and that in the singular (but perhaps, under the circumstances, not altogether inappropriate) disguise of a stage devil, is sufficiently scandalous; but this was by no means the most serious charge against him. And the charges have been made, not by the Catholics whom he has scandalised, but by Protestants of position—notably b, Mr. T. A. Trollope in the British Quarterly for January, 1882, and by a correspondent of the Morning Post, "many years resident in Rome, of the highest respectability and credibility." We need not enter into particulars as to the offences charged against Campello, veiled as they are by Mr. Trollope under "a decent periphrasis," but we may quote that writer's remarks upon them:

"It is possible," he says, "these things may not be true. They are not, however, mere calumnies of the clerical Press or of clerical adherents; and we have alluded to them because, did we abstain from doing so, we should not be giving a true account of the estimation in which the new convert is held by the general mass of his fellow citizens. It will have been seen that our estimate of the ex-Canon is not such as to lead us to consider the loss of him by one religious community or the acquisition of him by another as fitted to occasion much lamen-

tation or much rejoicing."

This is the sort of man to whom Archbishop Benson, who poses as the successor of St. Augustine, extends his "sympathy"—who, according to Mr. Norton, who sounds Campello's praises in the *Times*, "wen! out from the ranks of the Roman clergy to fight henceforth in those of the pure Gospel of Christ." Who can doubt that the ex-Canon, in joining the Church of England, was actuated by the same motive which inspired the three kings of Chickeraboo—by a knowledge that

"She does not push inquiry for To learn what sort of a [priest] you are."

One thought occurs to us in conclusion, which we should like to put before our Anglican readers. Can any one imagine a similar condition of things occurring among ourselves? The Church, like the Divine Master, is always ready and anxious to welcome the repenant sinner or the returning prodigal, but she would hardly put him forward as a leader in religion. If an English parson, who had been publicly repriraanded by Dr. Benson for appearing at the Alhambra in a state of intoxication, and had given serious scandal in other and more serious ways, made his submission to the Church, is it conceivable that the Bishop of Salford would send him to reform Anglicans and extend to him his "episcopal supervision;" that it Archbishop of Dublin would promise his "active support;" and that the Cardinal Archbishop would assure him of his "sympathy"?—London, (Eng.) Catholic Press.

EPHEMERIDES.

THE LATE HON. THOMAS WHITE.

And now, before closing, what shall I say of him that is gone, which has not been fully and better said by those who knew and loved him? My knowledge dates from fifteen years, and in all that time, there has been room for esteem, admination and attachment. He had many gifts and many titles, but the chief was his Canadian birth and his acknowledged leadership of young Canadians. There was his strength, and herein is our loss. And, making the regret personal to myself, these eyes moisten as I remember that he, who was a judge of such things, liked these paragraphs and read them weekly as they went forth, inasmuch, forsooth, as following his own example of pen and speech, they were devoted to the promotion of our Canadian history and literature, and the fostering of a fellow feeling between a people sundered in birth, tongue and creed.—Laclede, in Montreal Gazette.

RAILWAY TRAVEL.

Some young friends were complaining yesterday of the weariness of railway travel. I do not see that. Take a four hours trip, for instance, from here to Ottawa. Choose a seat by yourself and secure the other with your satchel, or other traps. Have the time-table on the window, so as to know all the places you pass and the speed you are making. Then have some light book; with you—verses, sketches, plays, or an old-fashioned classic favourite. It is wonderful how Homer and Pindar, or Virgil and Horace are companionable on a modern train. Read gently, in sketches, taking your eyes off the book, as you repeat a passage, and glance through the pane. The scenery mingles with your half-dreamy reading, and the blending is delightful, as you see the Sault, with the wraith of the Recollect; Lachute, on the winding North; the foaming waters of the Lievre, at Buckingham; the mouth of the Gatineau; where the Parliament buildings first spring to sight, and the bridge at Ottawa, with the waters true to their name of cauldron—Chaudiere.

LACLEDE in Montreal Gazette.

CATHOLIC AND LITERARY NOTES.

Cardinal Howard, who is so gravely indesposed, has returned from Rome to England.

Madame Diss Debar, the New York spiritualist swindler, was once a lecturer on "Romanism in America."

The May Century contains a paper by Mr. Maurico Egan on "The Personality of Leo XIII.," with a portrait and autograph of his Holiness.

Amongst the French pilgrims received by the Holy Father on Friday was a priest who presented to his Holiness two million francs, or £80,000, for the propagation of the faith.

Cardinal Newman paid a visit to Oscott College and to Bishop Ullathorn the other day. He was with the Bishop for more than an hour. The whole college assembled to see him off.

At the next session of the accademia of the Catholic religion, which will be held at the Archbishop's House, Westminster, Father Lescher will read a paper on "the Evolution of the Body."

An interesting discussion is now going on before a committee of the Chicago Common Council respecting the restriction of saloons in the neighbourhood of churches and schools. Dr. Higgins, of St. Ignatius' College, and Father Hayes have been heard in advocacy of such restriction. The latter appeared in behalf of two thousand members of the League of the Cross.

"A statue," says the Philadelphia Standard, speaking of the projected Montreal statue, "of her who bore the world's Redeemer, is declared to be an outrage on the feelings of many respectable people. We have no doubt it would hurt the devil's feelings also; but it is hard to please everybody."

GIFTS OF POISON.

It is time that respectable merchants combined with consumers for the suppression of all gift, prize and lottery schemes in connection with the sale of articles of merchan disc. These schemes are not only demoralizing to legitimate business and to the morals of the community, but in the extent in which they are being carried in the sale of articles of food have become a source of great danger to the public health. They are, no matter in what form they appear, nothing more or less than devices to swindle

honest and unsuspecting people. It is gratifying to learn that in some instances the officers of the law have taken hold of the matter. In New York. and also in Chicago, parties, who in this way offered gifts to purchasers of their packages have recently been arrested upon indictments for lottery swindling. The latest candidates, both for public execration and criminal prosecution, are the manufacturers of the alum baking powders, who are both, by means of gifts and lottery tricks, disposing of large quantities of their corrosively poisonous compounds, which are so well known to be detrimental to the health that no housekeeper will admit them to her kitchen knowingly. This form of swindle i not only being peddled from house to house, but under the promise of large profits to be realized, the manufacturers are entrenching themselves behind the counters of many grocers by getting them to offer the alum goods with the gifts or lot-tery tickets attached, thereby shifting the liability to prosecution, in part, upon other and perhaps innocent parties. Every grocer or dealer for stance, who sells or offers for sale any of the prize or lottery baking powders is a criminal in the eye of the law, and liable, upon conviction, to fine and imprisonment, while those who sell the gift goods are, morally, as responsible, for they are offering an inducement, or prize, to housekeepers to use a food that contains a corrosive poison. This is a predicament in which it is not possible our grocers will care to place themselves when they come to think seriously of the matter,

I must be borne in mind that every one of these gift or or prize baking powders are alum baking powders. These powders cost less than four cents a pound to produce; the gift or prize costs but a few cents more. They are sold at the price of a first class baking powder, so that the swindle, in commercial sense, is enormous. But the chief inipuity of the business consists in selling, as presumably wholesome, an article of a positively injurious character, and by means of gifts or bribes inducing servants or unsuspecting housekeepers to puhchase and use it in our daily food.

There should be same prompt method of reaching these dangerous practices and punishing the parties engaged in their promotion. If the present laws are not ample, we countend the matter to the consideration of our State Board of Health, for recommendation of such additional legislation as shall be effective for the protection of the protection of the public.

A priest eminent no less by learning than by virtue was travelling by rail to one of our provincial towns. On the train he was accosted by a very nice and distinguished looking gentleman with whom he allowed himself to be drawn into quasi-religious discussion. "Pardon, Monsieur l'Abbe," suddenly says the gentleman, "I must tell you on the very start that in religious matters I am a tectotal unbeliever." "What! you do not even believe in the xistence of a God, . . . in the immortality of the soul?" "Oh! as for that, I feel that I believe that much, . . . but I don't be seve in the existence of hell." "But, sir, do you admit revelation?" "Revelation? Why I look upon it arromance." "Haveyou ever examined the proofs of a divine revelation?" "No, Monsieur l'Abbe." "Do you know anything of the works of Bossuet, Fenelon, Bilmes, Nicholas, Brownson, and of so many others among the learned writers of our age who have written philosophical treatises on the most profound religious problems?" "I admit that I know nothing of such writings." "Have you ever read the Holy Scriptures, the Gospels?" "Never." "Vell, sir, allow me to say that you are teetotally wrong to call yourself an unbeliever." "How so?" "Well, I hope my frankness will not shock your feelings, but, young man, you are an ignoramus and no unbeliever."

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