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WOOLLENS,
BEST GOODS,
MOST FASHIONABLE CLOTHS,
LOW PRICES.
CARD.

Bothwell, January 25th, 1879.
DEAR SIR.—I have lately built two brick churches in my parish, viz. one at Wardsville and one at Alvinston, and have yet another to build in Bothwell next summer, otherwise His Lordship the Bishop of London has declared his intention to interdict the present building on the first of March unless operations are commenced by that date.
In Bothwell there are only 32 families, in Wardsville 30 families, and in Alvinston 16 families. I am, therefore, forced by sheer necessity to appeal to all good Catholics to assist me in this great undertaking. There are very few who cannot by a little exertion sell one or more books of tickets, and they will be assisting in the glorious work of building churches dedicated to Almighty God, where the people are both too poor and too few in number to bear the whole cost themselves. I appeal with confidence to you my friend to assist me by disposing of this book of tickets, and relieve me of much hard toil by so doing.
A Mass will be offered upon the first Monday of every month for three years, for the benefactors and all those who buy even a single ticket.
In addition, all those who dispose of a book of tickets will be remembered in a special momento at the Holy Sacrifice every day. I say Mass, for the term of three years.
M. McGRATH, P. P.,
Bothwell.

ECCLIASTICAL CALENDAR.
March, 1879.
Sunday, 30.—Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday, Epistle (Lev. ix. 1-15), Gospel (John viii. 49-56).
Monday, 31.—Office of the feria.
April, 1879.
Tuesday, 1.—Office of the feria.
Wednesday, 2.—St. Francis of Paula, double.
Thursday, 3.—Office of the feria.
Friday, 4.—Feast of the seven dolours of the Blessed Virgin Mary, double.
Saturday, 5.—Saint Vincent Ferrer, double.
ANOTHER LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE
RT. REV. DR. WALSH, BISHOP
OF LONDON.
St. Peter's Palace,
London, Ontario, Nov. 13, 78.
WALTER LOCKE, Esq.,
London, Ontario.

DEAR SIR.—On the 22nd of September we approved of the project of the publication of a Catholic newspaper in this city. We see with pleasure that you have successfully carried into execution this project, in the publication of the CATHOLIC RECORD. The RECORD is edited with marked ability, and in a thoroughly Catholic spirit, and we have no doubt that as long as it is under your control, it will continue to be stamped with these characteristics. Such a journal cannot fail to be productive of a vast amount of good, and whilst it continues to be conducted as it has been thus far, we cordially recommend it to the patronage of the clergy and laity of our diocese.
I am yours,
Sincerely in Christ,
JOHN WALSH,
Bishop of London.

LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE RIGHT REV.
DR. CRINNON, BISHOP OF HAMILTON.
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON,
Nov. 5th, 1878.
WALTER LOCKE, Esq.,
London, Ontario.

DEAR SIR.—Your agent called on me yesterday to procure my recommendation for the circulation of your paper in this diocese. I willingly grant it, and earnestly hope that your enterprise will meet with the hearty encouragement of the priests and people of this diocese. Your paper is well written, and contains a great amount of Catholic news, and what is still better, it breathes a truly Catholic spirit; so desirable in these days when rebellion against Ecclesiastical Authority is so rampant. I am glad that you are free from all political parties, and therefore in a position to approve of wise legislation and to condemn the contrary. Wishing your paper an extensive circulation,
I remain, dear sir,
Yours very faithfully,
P. F. CRINNON,
Bishop of Hamilton.

FOUND DEAD.
Wetland, Ont., March 26.—A section foreman on the Wetland Railway this morning found the dead body of a newly born infant wrapped in paper lying beside the track, about a mile and a half south of Wetland. Coroner Kennedy has been notified, and will proceed to hold an inquest immediately.
Mother Mary of the Nativity, Superiress of the House of the Good Shepherd in Chicago, which she founded fifteen years ago, closed her long career of devotedness by a holy death on the 28th inst. She was a lady of great administrative ability, tender charity and unbounded zeal. She was loved and respected by the entire community, irrespective of race and creed. R. I. P.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We wish it to be distinctly understood that we are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents. All correspondence intended for publication should be addressed to the editor of the Catholic Record—and the publisher, and should reach this office not later than Tuesday morning.]

SARNIA.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.
SIR.—This being the festival of St. Joseph, the patron of the Catholic Church, and the twentieth anniversary of the ordination of our good pastor, Rev. Joseph Bayard, The Rev. Father, assisted by Rev. Father Watters, of Corunna, and Deacon, and Rev. Father Dinahlan, of Lexington, Mich., as Sub-Deacon, celebrated solemn High Mass, at which over one hundred members of the congregation received Holy Communion. The following reverend gentlemen were also present at the ceremony:—Fathers McGarran and O'Connor, of Corunna, and Father Van Law, of Port Huron, Mich. After High Mass Father McGarran, taking his text from Matthew 16 Chap. 18-19 verse delivered an earnest, eloquent, and exhaustive discourse on the mission, duties, and trials of the Catholic priest.
In the afternoon Father Bayard was presented with a beautiful silver goblet, and toilet set, by the children of St. Mary's School, after which a very feeling address, was read by Master Jas. Reilly, which, after thanking the Rev. Father Bayard for the kindly and unflinching interest taken by him in the spiritual and temporal welfare of the children of the school, closed with an earnest prayer that the good God would long spare him to them, so that after as many more years as has been spent by him in the holy and active duties of the ministry, they, as men, might have an opportunity of proving the gratitude and love they now feel for him as boys.
TRAMP.

PARKHILL.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.
SIR.—On the evening of the 14th, a Catholic temperance organization was inaugurated in this village, and arrangements are in progress for the organizing of a juvenile society of the same kind. An entertainment is to be held on the 28th inst., in the schoolhouse for the benefit of the juvenile society. I hope there will be a large attendance and that parents will manifest by their presence a desire on their part, to assist in establishing a society which must be productive of a great amount of good. The juvenile society will be under the care of the school teachers, and Mr. T. Stanley is president of the men's society. If the temperance society of London would establish itself as a central organization, having local branches throughout the country, Parkhill would be quite willing to become one of the first steps that leads to morality and Christian habits of life, it behoves all Catholics to band together for the purpose of casting out from their midst their greatest and most deadly enemy, the monster, intemperance.
It is a matter of regret that so few Catholics in this neighborhood take an interest in Catholic newspapers, and in fact that the majority of them read Protestant papers, and other cheap and unwelcome literature. Upon asking some of them why they do not give their patronage to Catholic papers they answer, that the other papers are cheaper; and some have even answered the question by asking another, viz: Why are not Catholic papers as cheap as the Parkhill Gazette? Of course it is unnecessary to answer such a question, because the parties who ask it could not understand, nor be convinced of the reason. Such men are so illiterate, non-Catholic, and devoid of all Catholic spirit or ambition that they are unworthy the name of Catholics.
Yours truly,
PARKHILL.

PORT LAMBTON.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.
DEAR SIR.—I find it my sorrowful duty to announce to your numerous readers the demise of one of our most esteemed young ladies of this mission, in the person of Theresa O'Leary. Deceased was assistant teacher of the R. C. Separate School of Sarnia for some time, and while acting in that capacity contracted a severe cold, which was the cause of her death. She temporarily left her school in November last, and came to her fond parents here, hoping to gain her former strength and vigor. But these hopes were in vain, her health gradually failed, even against the untiring energies of her fond mother, and many anxious friends, and on Friday the 7th inst., death came and released her from her sufferings here. For some time past she was looking forward to that memorial 7th of March, which was her birthday, and soliciting her dearest friends to prepare some birthday presents for that occasion. But, alas! those birthday presents were her winding sheet, and the pious prayers of a sorrowful community, for the happy repose of the soul of that departed friend. On Sunday her remains were conveyed to their last resting place, Sombra burying ground.
As soon as the words "Thy friends could deprecate,
Death snatched thee henceward to a pitying sky,
Where griefs for ever hushed, nor fear, nor pain,
Can ever enter—where peace forever reigns,
There Sainted Maid, thy soul shall rest secure,
And will to endless ages still endure,
 methinks I hear thee say, 'Forbear, forbear,
Dear friends, repine not, I am free from care
My brothers, sisters, let not sorrow prey,
'Twas God who gave—'twas God who took away.'
A FRIEND.

LECTURE IN MCKILLIP.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.
SIR.—On Monday the 10th inst., Mr. John McNamara delivered a lecture at school house No. 5, McKillop. The subject chosen by the learned gentleman was, "Ireland, and the Irish People at Home and Abroad." The attendance was not very large it is true owing to some mis-understanding in the advertisement, nevertheless, the subject was handled in a very able manner, first giving a geographical sketch of that beautiful island in the west, that sweet

little, dear little island called Ireland. Painted out in vivid colors to the minds of those present picturesque and varied branches of its sheltered valleys and its stormy capes, and although the majority of those present, were fully acquainted with that portion of the lecture, yet through the force of his fiery eloquence, mingled with the expressions of patriotism pictured in his honest countenance, had a telling effect on the feelings of his hearers. The land of your nativity, he said, is an unrivalled land of science and of arts; a land of fair faces and faithful hearts. (Hear, hear, and cheer.) Again, when recalling to the minds of his hearers the gifted genius of his countrymen, lay and clerical, at home and abroad, and the bold front they presented in battle array to the enemies of their race, the manly, honorable, and unflinching manner in which these noble Celtic patriots suffered martyrdom, in defending the rights and liberties of their fellow men. These, said he, are undying records, never to be forgotten in the minds of every true Irishman, at home and abroad. Now fellow-countrymen, said the lecturer, nothing gives me more pleasure than to relate the glorious deeds of our ancestral race, of those who soiled their hands with the blood of the scaffold, and for what? for no other crime than that of endeavoring to liberate their beloved country from the bondage of a persecuting alien. This was the crime, my friends, for which these noble patriots suffered at the hands of those devilish drum-beaters, akin to those of whom we read in Heathen mythology; but I hope the day is not far distant when the genius of Erin's sons shall shine forth and teach John Bull and his colleagues that they, and they alone, should have the sole and only right to legislate for their down-trodden country, long mis-governed by an alien persecuting crew. The lecturer spoke for an hour, the outline of which I give you here.
AN EYE WITNESS.

SIMCOE.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.
SIR.—The anniversary of Ireland's patron saint passed off quietly here, owing to the fact that it was decided this year to have no procession or entertainment, but it might be questioned whether the day could have been more profitably spent. In the morning Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, and a great number including the St. Patrick's Temperance Society attended Holy Communion. After Mass our pastor, whose laudable intention after Mass from speaking much above a whisper, delivered a brief but touching sermon apropos of the day, and concluded by warmly urging every man present to join the Temperance Society. A large number forthwith advanced to take the pledge, when the following address was read and presented:—
REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER,—We, the members of the St. Patrick's Temperance Association, beg to express our thanks for the fostering care which you have bestowed on our society from the hour of its organization, having local branches throughout the country, Parkhill would be quite willing to become one of the first steps that leads to morality and Christian habits of life, it behoves all Catholics to band together for the purpose of casting out from their midst their greatest and most deadly enemy, the monster, intemperance.
And you, dear father, though coming from a foreign land, have solved many of the traits of the true Irish patriot, not more through your warm devotion to the spiritual interests of your flock than by your cordial engagement of this national society. How can we sufficiently repay you for your kind and impartial attention to our wants. So impartial has your conduct ever been that we believe you must look on all your flock as Catholics only, without considering their wealth or poverty, their station or nationality.
We beg to express our sympathy for your temporary illness, which prevents you from delivering the usual patriotic sermon in honor of Ireland's great Apostle, and for that reason we believed that a few words of gratitude for your many favors might not be inappropriate.
We trust your usual health and spirits may soon return, and that you may long be spared to preside over this mission, where your patient energy and rigid economy have given a new impetus to the sacred cause you have so long and so nobly championed.
(Signed) D. O. MAHONEY.

Father Japes, whose feelings were quite apparent, thanked the society in his own modest and appropriate manner, and hoped its members would conduct themselves as satisfactorily in the future as they had in the past.
Yours truly,
PATRICK.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN BARRIE.

The day dawned bright and clear on the town of Barrie, and as nine o'clock approached the children of Ireland might be observed with their beaming countenances and triple-topped shanocks going to Mass at St. Mary's Church. High Mass was sung by Very Rev. Dean O'Connor and a very impressive sermon delivered. No demonstration was made during the day. Towards the evening it looked as if a stormy night would succeed, but in this we were agreeably disappointed. Our flourishing Society, the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society of Barrie, No. 18 of the I. C. B. U. of Canada, assembled at their hall on Dunlop street, in large numbers, and at 9:30 p. m. they moved in procession to the church, headed by their magnificent brass band, numbering 25 pieces. The Dominion flag was borne in the procession. At the church vesper was sung by Rev. Dean O'Connor, Chaplain of the Society, and an eloquent sermon delivered by Rev. 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PERSONAL.

His Lordship the Bishop of Detroit and Chaplain paid a visit to His Lordship the Bishop of London in the course of last week.

DR. NEWMAN A CARDINAL.

We are happy to be able to announce to our readers that the illustrious Dr. Newman is about to be raised to the Cardinalate. Leo XIII. has recognized a kindred spirit in the great Oratorian and by his intention to raise him to the Cardinalatial dignity has paid a fitting tribute to his unrivalled genius, his splendid virtues, and his great services to Holy Church.

TOO SANCTIMONIOUS BY HALF.

A certain over-zealous busy-body, with the pseudonym of "Orthodox," has taken the trouble to write to the Irish Canadian about what he is pleased to call a "disagreeable matter," and he says: "I cannot help it! Poor fellow! What mental agony he must have suffered until he unburdened his 'orthodox' mind to his orthodox friend the Irish Canadian."

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another paper? So far as we are concerned we decline absolutely all such charitable attention, and would remind "Orthodox" that perhaps he had better apply a little of it nearer home. We would also say by way of advice, that as "the shoemaker should stick to his last," so also should this gentleman attend to his profession—in which we hope he is truly "Orthodox"—and leave questions of Moral Theology to be raised by those who have a right to raise them, and who are capable of defining them.

LEGAL VERSUS SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE.

The "Comedy of Convocation" opens by the question, "does disbelief in the existence of God disqualify for holding office" in a certain Church mentioned,—and though one of the disputants calls this an enormous hypothesis, the brilliant author goes on to argue it acts all the same. An enormous hypothesis it certainly is, and we are not thinking of charging any living or dead, with holding or having held such office, being at the time a disbeliever; nor would an isolated case of the kind, however well proved, amount to much argument.

But a large class of professing Christians act so much as if they did not believe in God, or what comes to pretty nearly the same thing here, in any revelation made by God, that it is not wonderful if outsiders judge them, not by what they say they hold or do not hold, but rather by the more common-sense method of direct inference from their behaviour. And this inference is decidedly against the hypothesis of their being believers. For, to say that God has made a revelation, without making it obligatory to those to whom it is known, is simply to deny either the divine wisdom or the divine sovereignty. To admit a revelation from heaven, and in the same breath affirm you may do what you like with it, is to declare your own equality with God. And finally, to talk, as many do, of a Church established by Christ, and directed by the Holy Ghost, and yet ridicule, as medievalism, the spirit and practice of obedience to it, be impatient and irritable, even under its speculative claims, and openly, ostentatiously rebellious, the first moment it dares to interfere in any way with personal conduct; all this is so utterly, so comically illogical that it is hard to think able men can be guilty of it, and yet believe in God. And it is far worse when any attempt is made to deal with particular facts in revelation. For that is about the definition of dogma; dogma is primarily a fact.

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And the state of the case is infinitely aggravated when these gentlemen, instead of standing alone, each by himself, and enjoying to the full what he calls the glorious liberty of thinking what he pleases, find themselves, by the necessity of things, forced to come together and deliberate upon something, say the choice of a chief-ruler; then the outlooker has an almost insurmountable difficulty in thinking they believe what they profess.

Of course in any election there is always room, *ilms a file*, for grave and energetic differences of opinion. Whether a given candidate may or may not be the proper person, whether he has knowledge enough to understand the duties of the office, or strength in his right hand to keep in check the restive horse-power he will be asked to control; or again, whether his known views of the policy to be pursued give reasonable assurance of success; these and like considerations satisfactorily account for the presence of honest men on both sides.

every man in that synod honestly believed in God.

They are not so much to be blamed for— to put it mildly—the queer things they did and said in the name of religion, as pitied for being the victims of a wrong, or what somebody has called an impossible system. The "I-am-as-good-as-you" principle of private judgment is certainly a capital pander to vanity, pride, and self-sufficiency. It exalts a man enormously, in his own estimation, and gives keen zest to his reflections when in Pharisaic mood. But it is suited only for solitude, fit for the private possession of only one man. No system in family, or state, or Church, ever was, or will or can be, worked by it, without its smashing down or making its advocates look foolish or ridiculous or slavish. No private judgment is, as experience proves, a capital shibboleth, but no more. It can break down, but has no constructive elements in it. And those who try the slightest experiment, a far less one, indeed, than the election of a bishop, find at the very start, that whatever else of good or bad there may be in it as a theory, this at least it will not do: it will not work.

All this was made abundantly evident by the scenes at that meeting, lately held in a neighboring city, and with effects that are partly to be received with rejoicing, partly deplored. The thoughtful clergymen, knowing something of theology and church history, will, we think, be moved by what they witnessed there to think more justly of that silly cry, the outcome of irreligion and low vulgar pride, the cry that every man is a born professor of divinity and canon law, and such things, and more and more to respect and long for the only authority that, in the history of Christianity, has been able without as with the aid of the arm of flesh to harmonise all differences in the great world-wide communion. At this prospect we rejoice. Nor did the behavior of that Judge, on which, from another point of view, we commented last week, entirely annoy us. A Judge is a gentleman; and that particular Judge is an able man, able both by natural gifts, and careful training. Now gentlemen and able men, men of the world, and by their profession obliged to take calm, serious views of things, do not rush into a blinding passion, and violate good sense and decency for nothing. There must be strong, overpowering provocation. Who doesn't remember the picture of our boyhood days, of the urchin on the fence, threatened from behind by a wicked goat, and in front of him a hissing serpent, and nobody to drive either away! So felt the Judge in synod. The goatish obstinacy of the logical professors of private judgment, pushing them forward, and (what he would call) the serpent of Clericalism threatening to sting if he advanced! Poor man, what could he do? Who can blame him? It was a wretched position, and his keen mind took it all in, and he quite forgot himself, his dignity and his manners, and actually roared out in a way that had been painful and insulting if not so full of the comical. Good Judge, your temper is none of the best, your theology is worse, and the position you were in worst of all. We pardon you, with this piece of advice: When next you have your dirty linen to wash keep to your own back-kitchen till you have changed your dress, and tidied up, and don't rush out, in dripping, limp garments, and in your hurry to purify your soiled hands, try to rub them against your well-dressed neighbors! The manners of the washerwoman often accompany the dress.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

In a previous issue we made a few remarks on Separate Schools in Ontario and the law pertaining thereto. Since that a Bill respecting Public, Separate and High Schools, introduced by the Hon. Mr. Crooks, Minister of Education, has become law, having received its third reading on the 10th inst. This Bill contains several important sections relating to Separate Schools, and will have a very beneficial effect on the working of such. It provides for the election of school trustees as follows: A meeting of the electors for the nomination of candidates for the office of Separate School Trustees shall take place at noon on the last Wednesday in the month of December, annually, or if a holiday, on the day following, at such place as shall from time to time be fixed by resolution of the Separate School Board, and in municipalities divided into wards, in each ward thereof, if the Board in its discretion thinks fit. The Separate School Board shall by resolution name the returning officer or officers to preside at the meeting or meetings for the nomination of candidates, and in case of the absence of such officer, the chairman chosen by the meeting shall give at least six days' notice of such meeting. If at said meeting only the necessary number of candidates to fill the vacant offices are proposed and seconded, the returning officer shall, after the lapse of one hour declare such candidates duly elected; but if two or more candidates are proposed for any

one office, and a poll in respect of any such office is demanded by any candidate or elector, the returning officer or chairman shall adjourn the proceedings for filling such office until the first Wednesday of the month of January then next, when a poll or polls shall be opened at such place or places, and in each ward, where such exist as shall be determined by resolution of the said Trustees. The poll or polls shall be opened at the hour of ten o'clock a. m., and shall continue open until five o'clock p. m., and no longer, and any poll may close at any time after eleven o'clock a. m. when a full hour has elapsed without any vote having been polled. The Separate School Board shall, before the second Wednesday in December in each year, by resolution, fix the place or places for the nomination meeting, and also for holding the election in case of a poll, and also name the returning officer who shall preside at the respective polling places, and forthwith give public notice thereof. The returning officer shall, on the day after the close of the election, return the poll books to the Separate School Board, with his solemn declaration thereto annexed, that the poll book has been correctly kept, and contains a true record of the votes given at the polling place for which he was returning officer. The School Board shall add up the number of votes for each candidate for any office, as appears from the poll book so returned, and shall declare elected the candidate or candidates having the highest number of votes, and shall at noon, on the day following the return of the poll books, put up in some conspicuous place in the municipality, and at one or more of the schoolhouses therein, a statement showing the number of votes for each candidate; and a majority of the trustees remaining in office shall be a quorum for the foregoing purposes. In case two or more candidates have an equal number of votes, the member of the Board present who is assessed the highest as a ratepayer on the last revised assessment roll shall, at the time of declaring the result of the poll, give a vote for one or more of such candidates, so as to decide the election. There is no difference whatever in the manner of electing Separate School Trustees and Public School Trustees.

The 90th section of the Revised School Act, in connection with the 5th clause of the 78th section, made it the duty of the Municipal Council to cause the assessor in preparing the annual assessment roll of the municipality, to distinguish between Public and Separate, and in setting down therein his religion, to distinguish between Protestant and Roman Catholic, and whether supporters of Public or Separate Schools. The same section required Municipal Councils to cause, through their collectors and other municipal officers, to be levied in each year, upon the taxable property liable to pay the same, all sums of money for rates or taxes legally imposed thereon in respect of Public or Separate Schools by competent lawful authority in that behalf and at their request, and to account annually for the sums so to be collected. The new bill provides that the clerk of the municipality shall furnish to the Separate School Board within three days after request in writing "The Separate School Voters' List," and also a list of Roman Catholic freeholders, householders or tenants, and persons entitled to vote in respect of income, rated upon the then last revised assessment roll, and not being already upon "The Voters' List." When any supporter of a Separate School resides without the municipality in which the School is situated, he shall be entitled to vote in the ward or division in which the schoolhouse nearest to his place of residence is situated, if within the distance of three miles in a direct line.

Heretofore Separate School Boards could not legally claim the taxes of non-residents; now any person who, if resident in the municipality, would be entitled to be a supporter of any Separate School in such municipality, the owner of unoccupied land, may require that such land be assessed for Separate School purposes; and the Council of the municipality shall account to the Separate School Board or the taxes of non-residents the same as residents. So much of the county rate levied yearly upon the several townships of the county for the payment of teachers' salaries which shall have been levied upon, and collected from any persons being supporters of Separate Schools in any township, shall be paid over by the County Treasurer to the trustees of the Separate Schools of which such persons are supporters as aforesaid. In any case where the trustees of any Roman Catholic Separate School avail themselves of the provisions contained in the 78th section of the Public Schools Act, for the purpose (amongst others) of ascertaining through the assessor of the municipality, the persons who are the supporters of Separate Schools, the assessor shall accept the statement of, or made on behalf of any ratepayer that he is a Roman Catholic, as sufficient *prima facie* evidence for placing such person in the proper column of the Assessment Roll for Separate School supporters, or if the assessor knows personally any ratepayer to be a Roman Catholic, this shall also be sufficient for placing him in such last

mentioned column. Provision is also made for the establishment (where required) by the Education Department of a Model School for the training of teachers for Separate Schools, and likewise for the appointment of a Catholic member on the County Board of Examiners. The teacher of said Model School, and the member of said County Board must possess qualifications prescribed by the Education Department. The trustees of any Separate School shall have full power as a body corporate, the same as trustees of Public Schools, to borrow money for school purposes, and to make valid mortgages and other instruments for the security and payment of such borrowed money, upon the school house property and premises, or real or personal property vested in them, or upon the Separate School rates.

We are much pleased with the manner in which the various members (with few exceptions) of the House of Assembly, discussed the Separate School sections of the Bill, and we hope the day is rapidly approaching when men, elected to legislate for our young country and the welfare of its people, will cast aside all bigotry and prejudice in discussing such important questions. We are sure there is no class of people in Canada more interested in the educational progress of the country than Catholic Separate School supporters; and the establishment of Separate Schools in Ontario, and so far as practicable the placing of said schools *by-law* on equal footing with the Public Schools, tend greatly to make the educational system of Ontario one of the grandest in the world, and a model for other countries. In Canada, as in every part of the world, the Bishops and priests of the Catholic Church are ever found ready to aid in whatever might tend to the better enlightenment of the people; but as wise parents, they are very anxious that their children should receive, in youth, an education that would not only lead them to be men of science, but good citizens and good members of our Holy Church, and thereby secure for themselves an eternal reward in the kingdom of our Heavenly Father when He calls them to give an account of their talents.

EXCERPTA, WITH OBSERVATIONS

By Prof. Von —

A short time ago, somewhere in the United States, some Baptist congregation celebrated the Lord's Supper—or as some Protestant preachers will have it, distributed the bread and the wine—in a Jewish synagogue, their own meeting house being under repairs. Indeed very accommodating—I mean both sides!

Not long since, somewhere in the United States, an Episcopal Bishop paid a visit to some Baptist College, and on that occasion addressed the students in most encouraging and commending terms. Truly, very liberal this! The conduct of that bishop shows unmistakably by what a wonderful and incongruous amalgamation Protestants strive to exhibit to the world a picture of their imaginary unity!

A few weeks ago, somewhere in the New England States, two individuals requested to be admitted into full membership of the Congregational Church. This request was, of course, received with much favor; but in their preliminary examination, the officers of the Church, *i. e.*, preacher and deacons, ascertained that these two catechumens staunchly rejected the doctrine of "eternal" punishment, so plainly taught in Holy Writ. There was a dilemma for any well organized, orthodox, though Protestant Christian sect! But not so for this particular Congregational congregation, represented by their pastor and deacons, who true to the principle of private judgment, and especially in this particular case, because the two neophytes were "highly respectable," waived the objectionable term "eternal" in their Profession of Faith—and thus by declaring their belief in "punishment" they were received into full membership. Truly, very accommodating! Thus, we see, that dogmas in Protestant sects are treated with the utmost indifference and their ordinances are administered in subservience to time and circumstances, or rather to the *spirit of the age*.

And now we learn that some Episcopal Bishops in the United States are contemplating to expunge from their Ecclesiastical Calendar, for "the English as well as for any other Protestant Church," the meaningless Season of Lent. Very sensible this indeed! For what is Lent to them in the English communion? Neither their ministers nor the people keep the lenten fast. For the latter, lent is nothing but a continuation of carnivals and similar amusements as long as the season lasts. Lent, like all the other holy seasons and days of saints, peculiar to and instituted by the Holy Roman Catholic Church, and at the time of the falsely so-called Reformation retained in the Ecclesiastical Calendar of the schismatic English Church, is a mere farce, and the people know this all well, being, as a rule, conspicuous by their absence from the lenten services, as well as in others held in commemoration of the Calendar

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Saints, if perchance some ritualistic minister—improperly calling himself priest—should make bold enough to hold service on a saint's day, so objectionable to Evangelicals. There is indeed much to be expunged from the Book of Common Prayer, so as to make that Church truly Protestant; as it stands now, it is neither cold nor warm!

TEA-MEETINGS, SOIREES, ETC.—The season or tea meetings and soirees in Protestant meeting houses is drawing to its close. But, *nil desperandum!* next in order will be strawberry and cherry festivals in the house of worship, with any amount of funny speeches and joke-cracking by *soi-disant* reverends, for the amusement of young and old—but mostly for the amusement of young, be they saints or sinners. We as Catholics look upon such uses of a Church as a profanity; but of course it is not so with our Protestant brethren, having nothing to remind them of God's peculiar presence in what they call their meeting house or tabernacle—nothing to distinguish it from any ordinary hall.

CIRCULAR LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF LONDON, TO THE CLERGY OF HIS DIOCESE.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We have the pleasure to announce officially to yourself and to the faithful committed to your care in Apostolic Letters, dated Feb. 15th, A. D. 1879, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII. has proclaimed a Jubilee for the Catholic world. This Jubilee was proclaimed in the Holy City on the approach of the first anniversary of his election to the Chair of St. Peter, with a view, doubtless, of commemorating that auspicious event, and of bringing down the abundant blessings of God on his Pontificate.

By the death of Pius IX. the Catholic world lost a Supreme Pontiff who was dearly loved for his great virtues, and endeared to the hearts of his children by his long laborious life and unmerited sufferings; but Divine Providence, ever watchful of the interests of His Church, has provided in the person of Pope Leo XIII. a worthy successor of venerable Pius. The consummate prudence and far-seeing wisdom of our present illustrious Pope, his splendid abilities and eminent virtues will make his Pontificate memorable and glorious in the annals of the Church of God. We have reason to offer our heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Shepherd for having given to His Church such a ruler in such perilous times. Our Holy Father states in the following words his motives for proclaiming this Jubilee: "We feel how much Our infirmity stands in need of an abundance of Divine graces to support Us in the arduous ministry which We sustain; the experience of every day shows Us how sad is the condition of the time in which We live, and to what tempests the Church is exposed in the present age. We cannot but fear that greater evils are yet to come when We see the deterioration in the management of public affairs, the pernicious counsels of impious men, and the signs of heavenly wrath which has already fallen severely upon some."

He then goes on to state the special benefits to be derived from a Jubilee: "But inasmuch as the peculiar benefits of a Jubilee consists in this, that the stains of the soul are washed away, that works of penance and charity are performed, that the duty of prayer is more earnestly discharged, and as the sacrifices of justice and the prayers which are offered up by the united intention of the whole Church are so grateful to God and so fruitful that they appear to do violence to the Divine goodness, We must entertain a firm confidence that the Heavenly Father will regard the humility of His people, and, by multiplying the evils which exist, grant the longed-for light and consolation and affliction. For if, as was said by the same Leo the Great, *our spiritual enemies are overcome by that correction of our faults which is due to the Divine grace, the strength of our corporal enemies also succumb, and they are overthrown by our amendment who were formerly able to act on account of their own merits, but of our faults.* Therefore We earnestly exhort all the sons of the Catholic Church, and we beseech them in the Lord to join to Ours their prayers, their supplications, their works of Christian discipline and piety, and to zealously avail themselves, with the assistance of God, for the benefit of their own souls and the welfare of the Church, of the graces offered in the Jubilee in this time of heavenly mercies."

This Jubilee, proclaimed by the Vicar of Christ, is a call upon us all to cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, "to renounce the devil and his works and pomps," to mortify the flesh with its vices and concupiscences, and to consecrate ourselves anew to the work of our salvation and the service of our Blessed Redeemer. The voice of the Sovereign Pontiff is the echo of that of Our Saviour urging us to seek first the kingdom of God and His justice; to strive to enter in by the narrow gate and the straight way that leads to a life of unending happiness, to lay up to ourselves treasures in Heaven, where the rust and the moth cannot consume, nor thieves break in and steal. Let us exhort our beloved clergy and faithful people to sanctify themselves during this holy time, and to comply faithfully with the conditions of the Jubilee, so as to be partakers of its spiritual advantages, and to do all in their power to share the love of God and Christian peace, fervor, and holiness of life, to flourish in every parish of the Diocese.

The Jubilee period extends from the first Sunday in Lent, which is the 2nd of March, to the first day of June, which will be Whit-Sunday, inclusively. The following are the conditions which are to be complied with in order to gain a Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee:

First. The faithful of this city of London shall visit devotionally, three times, St. Peter's Cathedral and St. Mary's Church. Outside of this city, the faithful shall visit their parish churches six times. Secondly. During each of these visits the faithful are required to pray piously to God for some time for the prosperity and exaltation of the Catholic Church and of the Apostolic See, for the extirpation of heresies and the conversion of all who are in error, for the concert of Christian princes, and for the intentions of His Holiness. Let any one should find it difficult to remember all these distinct intentions, it may be useful to remind your parishioners that it will suffice to offer their fervent prayers in general for all the intentions prescribed by the Holy Father on the occasion of the present Jubilee.

Thirdly. A truly penitent Confession and a worthy reception of Holy Communion. For children who have not as yet been admitted to their first Communion, Confession will suffice. Fourthly. One day's fasting and abstinence, except the days not included in the Lenten Indult, or those that are otherwise consecrated to fasting by the precepts of the Church. In the case of children, the aged and infirm, this fast and abstinence may be commuted into some other pious work.

Fifthly. The faithful are required to give some alms to the poor or in aid of some pious work, as may be suggested by the piety of each. We earnestly request the pastors to collect these alms and to send them, on or before Whit-Sunday week, to Mount Hope Orphan Asylum, to aid in the liquidation of the heavy debt that presses on that institution. Sixthly. The Paschal Confession and Communion will avail for this Indulgence. Seventhly. The religious communities of nuns, and the pupils who board in their institutions, may perform the prescribed visits in their respective chapels. Eighthly. For those who are detained in prison, and also for the sick, the Confessors are empowered to commute the visits into other pious exercises, such as shall be deemed expedient and suitable to their circumstances. Ninthly. The Plenary Indulgence of the Jubilee may be applied by way of suffrage for the souls of the faithful departed. Tenthly. During the time of the Jubilee, Confessors have power to absolve in all censures, and in cases reserved to the Ordinary or to the Holy See, and to commute and dispense in vows or other religious obligations in the manner and with the limitations set forth in the Apostolic Letters of His Holiness proclaiming the Jubilee.

We earnestly advise the pastors of missions to hold pious exercises for some days in their respective churches, with a view of affording their people every facility for approaching the Sacraments. We require of them to invite some of the neighboring clergy to assist them in administering the Holy Sacraments during these days of devotion, so as to afford the faithful committed to their care the most perfect freedom in approaching the sacred tribunal of Penance. The faithful are granted, by the present Apostolic Letters, the privilege to choose as a Confessor any approved priest. On the occasion of the aforesaid pious exercises, pastors are empowered to give Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament on each day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the charity of God and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all. (2 Cor. xiii.) This Circular, together with the Apostolic Letters of His Holiness, shall be read in all the Churches and Religious Communities of the Diocese on the first Sunday after its receipt. Given at London, under our seal and signature, and the counter-signature of our Secretary, this 12th day of March, Anno Domini 1879. Wishing you every blessing, I am, Rev. and Dear Sir,

Yours affectionately in Christ, + JOHN, Bishop of London, M. J. TIERMAN, Secretary.

NOTE.—As there have been some doubts expressed as to whether the fast and abstinence requisite for the Jubilee may be observed in Lent, we are authorized by His Lordship the Bishop to state that the aforesaid fast and abstinence may be observed in Lent in this diocese, except on Wednesday and Fridays, and Ember and Holy Saturdays.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

THE Subscription of Two Dollars for the year 1879 will not be received without a receipt for each payment will be sent immediately. A few of our original subscribers have not yet conformed to the rule of paying in advance. They are earnestly requested to do so at once. Their delay has been a source of considerable loss, which, if they understood the circumstances, they would be sorry to inflict on this undertaking.

INGERSOLL.

Free Press Correspondence. Ingersoll, March 25.—The wages of the hands in the two foundries of this town have been reduced. The proprietors of these two institutions have come to the conclusion, or rather, as some people believe, affect to conclude, that the naughty National Policy is forcing them, in order to prevent disaster, to make their men work for little pay. The result so far is that the men belonging to Brown & Co's foundry are not working to-day, and, I understand, do not intend to work again until some more satisfactory arrangements are made in their favor. Noxon's men are working, but they are very much dissatisfied with the reduction. Some of the men were anxious to stop working this morning, but as quite a number are working at piece-work and making good wages, they could not be induced to quit. Brown & Co's men have been noticeable on the streets to-day in considerable numbers, and the stoppage of work is the talk of the town. What will be done is not yet known. Some of the leading workmen advise a return to work, and accept the fairest terms to be had, while, as is always the case in crowds of this kind, others wish to stand out for the old pay. The wages of the men working at the Noxon Works were reduced some time ago, and now that they are still further reduced, it is not surprising to learn the discontent caused thereby. The wages have been none too great at any time in either of the manufacturing, and it is believed by the men that the employers can well afford to continue the old rate of pay. I don't propose to say, not knowing, that the reduction is unnecessary, but it appears to me that many unnecessary and wrong things will be done for a little time hereafter that will be laid to the National Policy instead of the right cause. It is a famous chance for political men of the "Reform" string, but as quite a number at the same time help their pockets at the expense of others, and get the latter to charge the loss to the account of the National Policy; and it may be done in the hope that such charges will be believed by the workmen throughout the country, and greatly benefit the Movant cause in the approaching election. I can imagine how such an undertaking could be inaugurated, but it is a question whether it could be successfully carried out to suit the purposes for which it would be attempted. So far as the workmen were concerned, in the present matter, they feel keenly the position in which they are placed. The majority of them at least would work to live, and it is supposed will have to accept the reduced wages. But there are better times in the near future for them, when, if they choose, they may leave their say when engaging to work, as well as the employers, and when, having it, may act with a degree of independence which they may at the present time perhaps well conclude not to exhibit.

INGERSOLL, March 25.—To-night about 10.30 a fire broke out in a large frame building on Thames street occupied by Mr. Geo. Pamber as a confectionery store and dwelling and millinery store. The alarm was quickly sounded, and the firemen were promptly on hand, but owing to the dry material contained in the building, it was totally destroyed. The large brick church on the north of it had a narrow escape from destruction. On the south side was situated Mr. R. Keating's hotel, a frame building. At one time it was thought this building would have been destroyed, as it was on fire several times, but fortunately it escaped with little damage. Loss at present unknown. The property, we believe, was owned by Peter Kennedy, of this place.

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St. Thomas.....John Doyle
Port Stanley.....Peter Doyle
Eastwood.....Jas. Shattery
Beecrowd.....Patrick DeCamillon
Caledonia.....E. D. Green
Brantford.....John Byrne
St. Catharines.....J. Boone
Seaforth.....John Darwin
Corunna.....John McGill, senr.
Samuel.....E. J. East
Port Albert.....W. M. Bride
Clinton.....Thos. Brown
Watford.....James Rourke
Oliver.....James Duffy
Maldstone.....Patrick O'Keefe
Ingersoll.....J. W. Stone
Parkhill.....John McNeill
Wingham.....Christopher Crowe
Colborne.....W. J. Scott
Corbett.....M. O'Sullivan, P. M.
Lindsay.....Mr. Cahill
Teaswater.....M. J. Clark
Paris.....Jno. Laydon.
Permanent travelling agents—Daniel Fisher and Patrick O'Reilly.

LOCAL GLEANINGS.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY.—The last quarter of the scholastic year opens at the Sacred Heart Academy on Tuesday, April 15.

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT.—Col Atwood having resigned the management of the Royal Standard Loan Company he has been succeeded by Donald McMillan, late Receiver of London Township.

We will publish in full, next week, a most eloquent and instructive sermon by Rev. Father Moly of Stratford, on the "Real Presence," delivered in reply to Rev. Mr. Andrews of the same place.

Mr. James McGowan (late of London) has purchased the property known as the Queen's Hotel from Mr. Kelly, we heartily wish Mr. Mc. prosperity.

ACROSS THE LAKE.—We understand that arrangements have been made whereby the steamer "City of Montreal" will ply during the summer months between Port Stanley and Cleveland.

RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT.—It is stated that Dr. Brown, who was recently appointed Second Assistant Physician at the London Asylum for the Insane, has resigned, and that another medical gentleman from North Oxford, named Dr. Milman, of Woodstock, has been appointed to the vacancy.

BRUSSELS.—The Rev. Father West the esteemed pastor of Brussels, intends holding a three days retreat to give his parishioners an opportunity to comply with the duties that are required of them, for the performing of the necessary visits in connection with the jubilee.

The St. Thomas Journal says—Mr. Gamble, a fruit dealer in London, got off an Air Line train at Orwell some time ago, when it was going about twenty-five miles an hour. He now wears one arm in a sling, there is a broad bandage round his head, his face is covered with sticking plaster, and he vows that he will never try a similar jump again.

SHIPPING CATTLE TO ENGLAND.—A company of capitalists, formed from among the members of the London Oil Refining Company, shipped to Glasgow, on Halifax, Tuesday afternoon, 12th inst, of prime Canadian cattle. Mr. T. D. Hodgins and six men will have charge of the shipment, and we trust this additional enterprise on the part of our most energetic men will be attended with the best financial results.

FOX-HUNT AT PETROLIA.—A telegram to the Free Press from Petrolia states that the great fox-hunt took place there Tuesday afternoon, commencing at one o'clock. The winners were—Wm. Knox, first; Bolton and Watson, second; John Anderson, third.

EARLY CLOSING MOVEMENT.—At a late meeting of the directors held last evening, the committee appointed to obtain the signatures of the merchants to the six o'clock closing movement reported having met with almost universal success. They succeeded in getting all to sign except two. The committee, however, hoped to report favorably of these at next meeting.

THE GREAT ICE BRIDGE.—The monster ice bridge, which has proved such an attraction at Niagara Falls this winter, has almost disappeared. Giving a parting description of it, a correspondent says: "It is strange, but a fact, that most of the bridge was snow, and nothing but the severe cold weather we have had kept it together so long. It is estimated that about eighteen thousand people have crossed this bridge. The last to cross were a boy and dog."

For first class Plumblings to McLennan, Lohian & Fryer's 244 Dundas St.

On Thursday, the 20th inst, a solemn requiem mass was celebrated in the church of Stratford, it being the anniversary of the death of the pastor's mother, Mrs. Moly. High Mass was sung by the pastor, Rev. J. P. Moly. Rev. B. J. Watties of Corunna acting as deacon and Rev. M. J. Tierman of London as sub-deacon. After Mass, Father Tierman delivered a short impressive discourse on the subject of death. Mrs. Locke of London presided at the organ. Rev. B. Bonlat, of Ingersoll, led the choir.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN FRESWATER.—The National Anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint was fittingly celebrated here by the sons of the Emerald Isle attending the holy sacrifice of the Mass, which was celebrated in honor of the illustrious St. Patrick by Rev. Father Corcoran, the zealous and much respected pastor of the parish. After the last gospel had been read, the rev. gentleman preached an eloquent sermon on the "Life and Labors of St. Patrick."

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On Tuesday night over one hundred farmers from the adjoining counties of Huron and Berce arrived at the G. W. R. Station en route to Hamilton. The special train conveying the party consisted of five passenger coaches, six cars of horses, cattle, pigs, buggies, agricultural implements, and other effects, and one car of baggage. The party remained in London for about two hours arranging preliminaries for their final departure, and the special train left for the West a little before one o'clock. We hope they will find the Great Lone Land fully up to their most sanguine expectations.

THE FATHERS OF THE HOLY CROSS.

GRAND ATTENDANCE AT ALL THE EXERCISES.

The mission which was opened at St. Peter's Cathedral on Sunday last by the Fathers of the Holy Cross, has been so well attended, that the sacred office is unable to accommodate all that seek admission. The preaching of Father Cooney has attracted not only Catholics, but many of our separated brethren who listen to him with rapt attention, and let us hope, with profit and edification. To say that Father Cooney is an eloquent, forcible, and logical preacher, will not convey any idea of his great powers. He must be heard to be fully appreciated, and we sincerely trust that there will not be one Catholic in London, who can not say at the close of the mission that he has heard Father Cooney's sermons. The following are the subjects of discourse for each evening of this and next week: Thursday evening.—"The Holy Eucharist." Friday evening.—"The four last things." Saturday afternoon and evening will be set apart for Confessions. Sunday morning at 10.30.—"Prayer and its conditions"; 7.00, the 6th and 9th Commandments. Thursday evening.—"The Holy Eucharist." Friday evening.—"The four last things." Saturday afternoon and evening will be set apart for Confessions. Sunday morning at 10.30.—"Prayer and its conditions"; 7.00, the 6th and 9th Commandments. Thursday evening.—"The Holy Eucharist." Friday evening.—"The Christian Sacrifice." Thursday evening.—"The Christian Marriage."

BASE BALL CONVENTION.

RULES ADOPTED AT THE LEAGUE MEETING IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 25.—At the meeting of the Base Ball Convention to-day, the schedule with amendments already noted was adopted. Applications presented by Utica, Worcester and Manchester National clubs, asking the privilege of playing on League Club grounds, were not admitted, and they will play on National grounds with League clubs without the guarantee of \$100 as provided in the rule was denied. Additional umpires were appointed, and the resignation of last year's umpires received and accepted. An agreement to not engage or negotiate with any players for 1880 before Nov. 15th, was adopted. Article 12, section 3, relative to the number of games to be played, was amended so as to read, "if six or seven clubs be members of the League on the first day of the championship season, twelve games; if eight or nine clubs, not more than twelve games with each other was also agreed to. No club in the League shall be allowed to open betting or pool-selling on its grounds. Section number thirteen was amended as follows: A foul ball, caught either on the fly or first bound, puts out the striker; the first ground catch was voted to declare the striker out from three strikes.

SUSPENSION OF THE "STANDARD."

The following is from the Standard of Tuesday.—It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we take up our pen for the purpose of announcing that, after the present issue the Standard will be discontinued until further notice. We need not refer to the circumstances that have rendered this course necessary, as they can be well understood by business men. In issuing the Standard, nearly four months ago, we believed we were entering into a profitable speculation, and the ease and rapidity with which a large circulation was worked up, for some time led us to suppose that we had not miscalculated. But subsequent events proved that an extensive circulation is not the only requisite of success in the newspaper business. The career of the Standard has been short but brilliant. The little paper has been a welcome visitor in nearly two thousand homes in the city and suburbs, and to-morrow evening it will be missed from many a door-step for the first time in fourteen or fifteen weeks. Arrangements have been made whereby subscribers to the Evening Standard will be supplied with the Free Press till the end of the current month, when their subscriptions will be due at this office. Those who have paid for the paper in advance will receive the Free Press till the end of the unexpired term. Similar arrangements will also be made for the benefit of subscribers to the Weekly.

SITTING BULL PREPARING FOR THE WAR PATH.

Major Crofton, commanding Fort Totten, Dakota, informs Gen. Sheridan that an Indian named Uparahika went on a hunting excursion and finally reached Papaya Creek, Indian Agency. He found there several Indian men sitting Bull's camp, who stated that as soon as the grass gets up sufficiently to afford pasturage three parties of Indians will leave Sitting Bull's camp and move on Forts Buford, Stevenson and Totten. Each attacking party will be as strong as can conveniently attack. Crofton Dog stated further that Sitting Bull's Indians are encamped on both sides of the British line, and number sixteen to seventeen hundred lodges. Uparahika told Major Crofton that there were about 250 lodges of hostile Indians in the vicinity of Papaya Creek. This he decided to receive, and from the agent. Major Crofton asks that the garrison of Fort Totten be increased by the addition of one company of infantry.

GOLD MINING.

Belleveille, Ont., March 25.—The Feigel gold mine in Marmor is said to be producing about \$800 a week, which leaves considerable profit after paying expenses.

The sum of \$20,000 has been offered for Marillo's painting of the Immaculate conception in St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, Boston. The picture was the gift of a Spanish gentleman, a resident of Boston. The Sisters could not accept the offer, even were they so disposed.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD AS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

We beg to call the attention of wholesale merchants and merchants generally to our large and rapidly increasing circulation. We venture to say that no paper ever started in Western Ontario obtained such a hold upon a community in so short a time as the Record. The circulation now exceeds 2,000. We can give proof of its efficacy from several merchants in London, both wholesale and retail, who have already benefited considerably by using the Record as an advertising medium.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

JUST RECEIVED—500 barrels choice, hand picked, winter apples, which I can sell at \$2.50 per barrel. A. MOUNTROY, City Hall Building, Richmond Street.

Removal.—Wm. Smith, machinist and practical repairer of sewing machines, has removed to 253 Dundas street, near Wellington. A large assortment of needles, oils, bobbins, shuttles, and separate parts for all sewing machines made, kept constantly on hand.

It will pay you to buy Boots and Shoes at Poocek Bros. They keep a full line of ladies and gentlemen's fine goods. No trouble to show goods. Written orders promptly attended to. Poocek Bros., No. 133 Dundas street, London, Ont.

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MARKET REPORT

CORRECTED TO THE HOUR OF GOING TO PRESS.

London Markets.

The offerings during the week were a slight advance on the week previous. The price of oats were slightly advanced. Butter was scarce and high; eggs in fair supply. Other changes are noted under—

Table with columns for GRAIN and FLOUR AND FEED. Items include White Wheat, Red Fall, Spring Wheat, Corn, Peas, Barley, Buckwheat, Beans, Fall Wheat Flour, Spring Flour, Buckwheat Flour, Graham Flour, Cornmeal, Bran, per ton, Shorts, P.

PRODUCE.

Table with columns for Eggs, Store Lots, P doz, Butter, Creamery, Fat, Cheese, Dairy, P doz, Factory.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Table with columns for Mutton, Lamb, Beef, pig, Bacon, Pork, Turkeys, each, Dried Apples, Onions, P bush, Hay, per ton, Straw, P odd, Live Hogs, P cwt, Chickens, P pair, Turnips, Carrots, per 100, Apples, P bush, Potatoes, bag, Clover Seed.

SKINS AND HIDES.

Table with columns for Sheepskins, each, Calfskins, green, Hides, green, Tallow, rendered, Lard, Wood.

LONDON OIL MARKET.

Table with columns for Refined oil in carload lots, white gallons, " " small, L Gravity Paraffine Oil, 82.0 R. Co's trans, w. con, P B.

Liverpool Markets.

Table with columns for Flour, Wheat, R. Winter, White, Club, Corn, new, Barley, new, Peas, Park, Lard, Bacon, Tallow, Cheese.

Montreal.

Montreal, Mar. 28. FLOUR—Receipts, 2,100 barrels; sales, 200 bbls. The market is more active, and chiefly placed at the quotations: Superiors at \$4.70 to \$4.75; extras at \$4.70 to \$4.75; fancy at \$4.70 to \$4.75; spring extras at \$4.20 to \$4.25; superfines at \$3.90 to \$4.00; strong bakers at \$4.20 to \$4.40; fine at \$3.20 to \$3.25; middlings at \$3.60 to \$3.75; Pollards at \$2.75 to \$2.90; oats, bags \$2.40 to 2.40; 40 lb bags at \$2.20 to 2.25. Sales of 100 superfines at 3.90; 100 extras at 4.20; 100 superior extra at 4.20. GRAIN, PROVISIONS AND ASHES nominal.

Toronto Street Market.

Toronto, Mar. 28. Barley, 50c. to 80c. Wheat—Spring No. 1 to 90c; red winter, No. 1 to 85c; Treadwell, No. 1 to 85c; Fall, No. 1 to 85c; Oats, 30c. to 35c. Peas, 50c. to 60c. Hops, \$3.00. Flour—Superfine, \$3.25; Spring extra, \$3.75; extra, \$4.00; superior, \$4.20. Butter, 60c. to 70c.

Brantford Market.

Brantford, Mar. 28. Flour—No. 1, \$4.20 to \$5.00. Wheat—Fall, No. 1 to 80c; Spring, No. 1 to 85c; Barley, No. 1 to 50c. Peas, 50c. to 60c. Corn, No. 1 to 30c. Oats, 25c. to 30c. Hops, \$3.00. Lard, \$2.00. Bacon, \$2.00. Tallow, \$2.00. Cheese, 10c. to 15c.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Mar. 28. FLOUR—Receipts, 7,500 head; shipments, 6,000. High ground and the special train left for the West at 10.15. CATTLE—Receipts on 11, 3,000 head; shipments, 1,400 head. SHEEP—Receipts, 700 head; shipments, 1,600 head. Market unchanged at 3.00 to 4.15.

IRISH NEWS.

FROM OUR IRISH EXCHANGES.

THE BISHOP OF GALWAY ON SOME IMPORTANT IRISH QUESTIONS.

In his Lenten Pastoral, the Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Bishop of Galway, etc., after an earnest exhortation to flock to avail themselves of the spiritual benefit to be received during the penitential season, urges upon his priests, who "have so much at heart temporal and eternal salvation of their people," the importance of redoubling the zeal they have hitherto laudably displayed in promoting the sacred use of temperance. His lordship directs that prayers of thanksgiving shall be said in acknowledgment of God's mercy in turning away the scourges of disease from among them, and in saving them on the eve of a loathsome disease. The conduct of the Government in their contemptuous disregard of Irish rights in the matter of University Education is forcibly dwelt upon by his lordship, and a useful lesson is given to our Parliamentary representatives. "We need hardly refer," writes the Bishop of Galway, "to the grievous and tiresome disappointment to which we have been subjected, after our hopes were raised to the utmost, on the subject of University Education. In Majesty's Government, with a triumphant majority to sustain them in carrying so just and equitable a measure, are the more inexcusable in yielding at the last moment to the unmeaning cry of insouciance, as we have the public assurance of the leader of her Majesty's Opposition that no fears of resistance need be entertained from that quarter. Without meaning to underrate other great and momentous questions, such as the fair settlement of the rights of the tenants, etc., which have our heartiest sympathy, yet still hardly ripe for settlement, and not yet so prominently to the front, cannot be denied that the subject of University Education has been the leading question for months, upon which public attention has fastened, as ripe for settlement. If we fail in carrying it, the blame is to be laid at our own doors. Let the representatives of the Irish people but unite, as reason itself dictates they should, under the proper guidance of recognized constitutional leadership, let them, in a spirit of mutual forbearance and long-suffering, essential for the success of any cause, instead each one striving for the mastery and frittering away their strength in regard to particular measures of comparative insignificance, join in pressing upon the attention of the Government this great question, upon which the united voice of the country has so often and so unmistakably expressed. Then be most effectively achieved by offering a united reasonable resistance, to the extent sanctioned by Parliamentary usage and the practice of the great past in the country, to whom the Government of this country is alternately confided, to among other things, the passing of educational grants towards institutions, whose effect is to undermine the faith and debauch the morals of our children, so long the educational relief so reasonably demanded by the people of this country with which there came nothing objectionable in this. If our representatives show earnest sincerity in following this course, not fitfully but perseveringly, can it be supposed that their remonstrances will be unheeded? In regard to future success we may derive a lesson from the past. Need we refer to which is fresh in memory for Catholic saviors in her Majesty's navy were secured—or to the happy effects of indomitable, persevering energy in carrying the Sunday-closing Bill? Let our representatives be true to their constituents (and for what else is the country set in a blaze on the occasion of elections) to their own sense of honor in pursuing the same constitutional course in reference to University Education, so successfully pursued in the case referred to, and our reasonable demands are surely won. Our only cause for referring to this topic on an occasion like this, that under present circumstances silence might constitute a religious character, which comes direct home to the souls of our people, and is ultimately wound up with fundamental principles upon which is based human society. The history of revolution is but the record of the practical development of godless education in every age."

VISIT OF THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA—HER ARRIVAL IN DUBLIN—A JOURNEY TO MEATH.

We take from the Freeman the following account of the arrival of the Empress of Austria in Dublin on Saturday and her Majesty's journey to Meath the same day: On Friday morning her Imperial Majesty, as we have already stated, journeyed from Dover to Holyhead, via the Factory station (Wardsworth Road), Willesden Junction, and Crewe, en route for Ireland. The most elaborate and well-considered instructions were issued for working between Long Hedge Junction and Dublin, and a few of the leading officers and a special staff of skilled workmen and telegraph men accompanied the train in order to ensure the safety and satisfaction of the passengers. The latter comprised in addition to her Imperial Majesty's suite, including his Excellency the Baron von Toppa, his Excellency Count von Lersbach, Prince Rudolph Lightenstein, Dr. Lamy, court physician, and those whose names have already been published—a large number of servants and officers of her Majesty's household, making a party of some thirty individuals. Her Imperial Majesty seemed to enjoy herself very much. She obtained copies of all the available publications, but devoted her attention in a more especial manner to the sporting newspapers. The special train was timed to reach Holyhead at 8.45, and it was scarcely one minute after that hour when the train stopped alongside the company's landing-place. At Holyhead exceptional precautions were taken to prevent any bustle or crowd, or manifestation of any kind whatever, at least within the company's premises. A considerable crowd, however, assembled around the doors and cheered as the train passed by. The "Shamrock" steamship—sister vessel to the "Rose," and one of the finest in service of the London and Northwestern Company—had been specially appointed for the voyage of her Majesty. It took some time to get all the luggage on board—there was over thirty tons—and it was done as expeditiously as possible. Her Majesty, having dined, retired to rest. The "Shamrock," when the arrangements were made complete, moved out from the pier to make room for the ordinary night express, leaving for Dublin a half-past one. At twenty minutes to six, Irish time, on Saturday morning, the "Shamrock" was cast loose from her moorings, and steamed away from Holyhead. Her Majesty had retired on getting aboard on the previous evening, and when the passage was commenced some of the distinguished party were on deck. Some of the passengers were slightly seasick, but

the empress is understood to have felt no discomfort from the passage. When daylight shone out there was nothing more than a mist to complain of, and about nine o'clock the "Shamrock" was entering our "mattress wonder of a bay," and the foreign visitors on deck caught their first glimpse of that land from which "the hereditary states" have derived so many brave soldiers and faithful councillors. To the indistinct beauties of nature soon succeeded evidences of the achievements of art in the wonderful breakwater in which the North Wall ends. The "Shamrock" had now to thread her way carefully up stream from this point, and after passing ranks of shipping, nestling against the quay's walls, the station of the London and Northwestern Railway Company was sighted, and flags were seen flying from several houses in the neighborhood, and one or two vessels made a display of bonfires. On the quay, just outside the company's premises, were massed some hundreds of people among whom "Flitters, Tatters, and the Counselor" were largely represented, but there was also a large gathering of artisans, and here the empress received her first impressions of an Irish welcome, as cheer after cheer went up from the moment she came alongside until she was safely moored at the company's quay, where she was out of the public view. Her Majesty and suite were at this time partaking of breakfast and her trip in the Shamrock was at an end. Passing now to what was taking place at the North Wall Station: There crowds had been assembled since half-past nine. The soldiers from Easton were to keep the station free from any one who did not occupy an official position, or had not particular business there. At ten o'clock a respectable gathering was crowded into one corner of the platform, among those present being the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Sir Ralph Cascard, Messrs. W. Mansfield, R. Warren, D. L., Captain Smith and J. E. Ward, representing the Midland Railway Company; Messrs. Skipworth and Garrod, representing the London and Northwestern Railway Company; Mr. R. Welch, Austrian Vice-Consul; Captain Talbot, chief commissioner of police; Mr. Crezer, agent for Lord Langford; Dr. Guinness Beatty; Messrs. C. Martin, D. L., R. O'Connor, J. P., etc. At ten minutes past ten the cheering suddenly announced that the steamer was at the quay wall, and the Lord Mayor and Sir Ralph Cascard made their way through the covered passage from the station to the landing stage. And now public excitement was somewhat allayed by seeing a number of porters, servants in livery, and lady's maids hurrying on to the platform with portmanteaus, dressing cases, bundles of fur cloaks, and rugs—part of the thirty-one tons of luggage belonging to the empress and suite, the heavier part of which was sent on by a later train. The servants, in a livery of dark chocolate color, with yellow cord trimmings, and a yellow circle in the cockade of their hats, were objects of the liveliest interest, and there were persons present who professed to see a Hungarian or Austrian in every one of them. A couple of gentlemen shrouded up in the cars in big, dark, dark chocolate color, with yellow cord trimmings, and a yellow circle in the cockade of their hats, were objects of the liveliest interest, and there were persons present who professed to see a Hungarian or Austrian in every one of them. A couple of gentlemen shrouded up in the cars in big, dark, dark chocolate color, with yellow cord trimmings, and a yellow circle in the cockade of their hats, were objects of the liveliest interest, and there were persons present who professed to see a Hungarian or Austrian in every one of them.

mile faith," which was translated into unmistakable German by the outpoured cheers of the peasants underneath it; another smothered in evergreen foliage on the very frontier line of Meath, across the quaint old bridge which separates it from the County Kildare; and a third within the borders of the village of Garrymore, where "welcome to Royal Meath" smiled down upon Meath's illustrious guest, and where again there were hundreds of lusty interpreters at hand, even did not her majesty know English (as she with rare perfection does). At intervals along the roadside members of the Royal Irish Constabulary were posted grimly in the dissolving snow, and as the cortege neared Summerhill Castle which crowns the brow of a gentle hill in a solid semicircle, two mounted police constituted themselves equerries to the imperial carriage, and led the way to a mean-looking black entrance of Summerhill demesne. Her Majesty was not many moments inside the park walls before the passion which has brought her across Europe in pursuit of "the foaming Behemoth" (or such more harmless representatives as may inhabit the Ward Union country) began to assert itself. Instead of driving to the front door of the mansion, where red cloth was laid for her feet, and obsequious officers dancing attendance, her Majesty ordered her carriage to drive direct to the stables, which occupy a quadrangle considerably removed from the castle. Here, while a lazier monarch would have been pining for rest, or a more prosaic one for luncheon, her Majesty stayed three-quarters of an hour, passing her hunters, new and old, in review, questioning her groom in regard to the habits of the animals, and the arrangements for the comfort of her favorite steeds. The officers of the suite had meanwhile disembarked at the hall-door, waggonees full of ladies' maids, valets and all manner of attendants, filed into the court-yard, and carriages laden with luggage were telling along the roads, as with the baggage of a little army. All through Meath on Saturday night bonfires blazed in token of welcome to the empress. On Monday she hunted for the first time with the Ward Union hounds. The Freeman thus describes her appearance:— "As being now in readiness, her imperial majesty mounted opposite the hall-door, and I presume exacting lady riders will expect that I should say something of this queen's hunting attire. Well, as far as my experienced eye could detect, her Majesty wore a very tight fitting habit of a dark grayish-melon cloth, the skirts of which were extremely narrow. The habit was fastened with buttons of silver, on which were the imperial arms. A stand-up collar and a simple tie-bow of black silk completed her apparel, whilst she rode in a tall silk hat. She wore her hair in plain plaits behind, one encircling the other. Her hands were encased in tan-colored gloves, and over these her Majesty wore dark chocolate knitted mittens. I, perhaps, run the chance of being returned for trial at the next commission if I say that her Majesty did not look quite as pretty on horseback this morning as she did a week ago upon the toned paper of the *Whitfield Review*. It may be that her Majesty was jaded after her long and wearisome trip by land and water, and she did not look at her best. She has a most elegant and graceful figure, her waist being particularly small, whilst her carriage and deportment stamp her with the indelible mark of the finest of blue blood and royalty."

MR. BUTT'S ILLNESS. Upon enquiry at Mr. Butt's residence on Saturday evening, it was stated that the honorable and learned member for the County of Wick was suffering from inflammation of the lungs. Five doctors are in attendance upon him, and whereas on Friday evening, after consultation, they stated there was no hope of his recovery, on the following evening they were of opinion that he may yet rally. Mr. Butt and Dr. Hauser visit him two or three times every day, and much anxiety is felt by his friends. His illness was brought on by over-exertion in his profession during the recent severe weather, the Bagot Will Case and the appeal in the Blackrock Fishery Case taxing his powers severely, while a recent domestic bereavement had a very depressing effect upon his sensitive and sympathetic nature. It is satisfactory to know that there has since been a decided change for the better in the honorable gentleman's state. He is still, however, very prostrated, but the doctors are of opinion that there has been a marked improvement in his condition.

THE SMALL BOY "HAS SOME FUN."

He was naturally cruel, and he told an acquaintance one day that he had a nice trick to play on the public—something entirely new. He had a long string and a brass key tied to the end of it, which he said was the instrument of torture. One of the front sidewalk maple trees sent some pretty strong branches, making a seat hidden by leaves. Into this, after dark, the boys climbed. "Now wait," says the principal, "till the first victim comes, and don't make a noise." Pretty soon an ordinary dressed woman came along, and just as she had passed he let drop the key on the hard sidewalk, immediately pulling it up again. Both now watched developments. The woman came to a sudden stop, began fumbling in her pocket and wondered what it was she could have dropped. She started on, but had not gone far before she came back impelled by curiosity, and began a careful search of the walk. Meanwhile the boys in the tree had stuffed their fists in their mouths to keep from snoring the game, and dared hardly look below for fear of laughing out. A sympathetic sister came along, and together they picked up stones and turned over all the chips on the walk. No money, no key, nothing did they find; and so went on to their homes, perhaps to worry all night, or perhaps a giggle in the tree turned their look of disappointment to a very cheap smile and a laugh from the same place made them have awful wicked thoughts about boys. One victim who found a piece of tin, and having the cause of the noise to that, was saved from a great deal of worry. But when she picked it up and threw it down several times to test the sound, the boys nearly fell out of the tree. A man, when caught, would slap all of his pockets, glance around a little, but it was seldom that he was brought to a hard pan search. When any one saw the trick after searching half an hour and saying all kinds of little things for the amusement of the boys, he simply went away hurriedly. There was no remark to make, no name to call. To get out of sight as soon as possible seemed to be most desirable. The trick is harmless; no one breaks a leg or loses an eye in its process. It might be recommended to constitute a tried boy as a good way to sweep the walk. The victims will throw all the chips and stones into the street by curiosity power, as it were.—*Rocheater Express*.

Divine grace has given strength to another Episcopal Minister to bravely break the shackles that kept him from the truth. On the 22d of last month, Rev. Egbert Cleave, of the Episcopal denomination was solemnly received into the Church by Father Gallagher of St. Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus Ohio. In favor of His Holiness, Leo XIII., the Very Rev. F. Elzeur Torreggiani, Superior of the Franciscan Capucin Monastery, Peckham, England, has been nominated to the Bishopric of Adelaide, South Australia. The economy of his consecration will shortly take place in the Church of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Peckham.

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The Diocese of Hartford was established in 1844, and now has 93 churches and 10 buildings, 30 chapels and stations, 100 priests, 50 clerical students, 9 female academies, 43 parochial or free schools, 19 religious institutions, 3 orphan asylums, and a Catholic population of 150,000.

It is said that the Protestant Primate of Scotland wrote to the Cardinal Archbishop of Paris a report on the letter of the latter to M. Loysson. It is said also that Cardinal Guibert returned the Primate's communication without any comment. Supposing the facts to be as stated, we must conclude that impertinent interference has received a fitting rebuke.

There is a bigoted school committee in Fall River, Mass., which refuses a certificate of school attendance to children attending parochial schools. Managers of mills require youth applying for work to furnish certificates of school attendance, and those who attend the two parochial schools are thus annoyed by the action of the school committee. Father Bede has called public attention to the matter by a communication in a Boston paper, and this may have the desired effect.

The Church of the Madonna del Miracoli, at Venice, a masterpiece of Venetian architecture, is going to decay. It was built in 1487. Seventy years or more ago it was resolved to take measures for its preservation, and 180,000 lire was appropriated to begin the work of restoration. For the last ten years, however, this design has been wholly abandoned. It is water soaked and crumbling, and whole flocks of pigeons have their nests in it.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is doing a wonderful favor to God's poor. Its last general report gives as its receipts for 1877, \$250,000 francs, or 1,650,000 dollars, and as its expenditures, 7,110,000 francs, or 4,422,000 dollars. The receipts for the several countries were: France, 2,730,000 francs; The United States, 1,153,000 francs; Belgium, 766,000 francs; Holland, 615,000 francs; British Isles, 591,000 francs; Other countries, 2,395,000 francs. These figures do not represent all the relief distributed, as several councils failed to send their reports.

The following was related by the Rev. Father Stone, Passionist, in a lecture delivered at the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, Brooklyn, New York, on Feb. 27th.—I know one very able and distinguished man, a Bostonian, who was attracted by hearing the tramp in the street long before daylight on a Christmas morning, and his curiosity being excited, he got out of his comfortable bed, looked out of the window, and saw the people going tramp, tramp in the snow in one direction. He did not know what it meant, but his curiosity led him to venture out on this cold Christmas morning and he found himself in the old Boston Cathedral, the pro-cathedral in Boston, and there for the first time he witnessed the Catholic service, and that first burst, as it were of light upon him, convinced him that there was something divine there. He ended by becoming a Catholic.

By previous agreement, the committee of arrangements having in charge the charity reception for the Little Sisters of the poor, met Archbishop Wood last evening, in the Home for the Aged and Infirm, on Eighteenth street, above Jefferson. There were also present the Sister Superior of the Home and the Sister Provincial of the Order in the United States, the latter having just arrived from Brooklyn. The Archbishop was clad in purple cassock, purple cape and purple beretta. Peter S. Dooner, the treasurer of the committee after making a brief speech, handed the Archbishop a check for \$9,108.62, the net proceeds of the reception. The Archbishop thanked the committee for their zeal and energy, and said the amount returned was larger than had ever before been obtained in a similar way for any Catholic charity in Philadelphia. Before concluding his address, he referred to what he termed the unfortunate financial complications that had arisen in other portions of the country and he said further: "We should thank Providence for our prosperous condition. I am not only able, but willing, and I am fully prepared, to meet all demands, dollar for dollar, that may be made upon me as the head of the Archdiocese. The church property in the Archdiocese is worth twelve millions of dollars, and upon that the debt amounts to only about \$600,000, and the largest portion of that debt rests upon two churches,—those of St. Bonifacius and St. Charles Borromeo. I truly wish that the people who have money in my hands would come and ask for it and obtain it. I would not trade my Archdiocese for any other See in the world. I have the best churches, the best priests, the best Sisters and the best people." At the conclusion of the address, the Archbishop's Benediction was pronounced.—Philadelphia Times, March 12.

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