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## TENESTINA;

a tale of the sixth century. Oa the genlly sloping side of a rerdant hill in the suburbs of Cenomaum, stood a chariming
yilla built in the Gallo-Roman style, a style
and which many wealthy
lury much affected.
hich was inlaud with the first story, the floor or bere stood near the windoir a young girl, whios
 Surrounding country in viais search for some one
Whase arrival was eagerly expected. ' No one yet,' she said, sorrowlulfy, lie-aged woman beside her, whose coarse wool Can tumic proclaimed her inferior condition.
'Hare a
litle pateence, dear Tenestina, plied her follower,' remember it is too far ama to ile Roonner resides, for your messenger to b back already.'
'I so earnestly begged of bim to hasten, re
Hed Tenestioa. On , if this holy priest wished pliec Tenestion. bie could restore her to our prayers. They teil nurse, if he visited my poor mother and admin istered to her the last sacrament; he could re-
store ber to health.? store her to bealth.
'Ererythang is possible to God', said the nurse,
with a profound sight ; but rou ought retire to with a profound sigh, chat your you ought retire or fou also will fall sick.'
COH! no, no, it is useless; I fee that 1 could
not sleep. But look! what is that in the plain Are they not a troop of cataliisrs burrying to wards us? Rigomer and bis followers, without
doubt:.
The nurse gazed in the direction which st pointed out.
'YOu deceive yorsself,' she said, 'the man of
God does not travel wift such pomp. He wio Gow approacles us must be Lord Sererus, your noble fance, who bas not been here for many
weeks. Permit me to arrauge your toilet, which weeks. Permir me to arragge your rioien,
you bare entirely neglected this morang.
'What matter about my toilet, what matt
abowt Sererus himself, when my mother is and
danger of death! coried the young girl , ,hing-
ing herseff on a couch, and weeping biterly ing herself on a couch, and reeping bitterly. displeasing sour parents, nho have destined him
for your husband. $G o$ ghen and meet thim, let not the trampliag of the horses in the cour Tard disturb your mother.
he stone stairs, trarersed be grand courtyard and entered a long, pleasant pathway cut throagh a dense forest of oaks, whose thick branches
formed an impenetrable shade overbead. Jucoming to risit the inhabitants of the rilla. As soon a be perceired the two women he dis-
mounted, tirew the bride to one of his tollowers and adrancing toward the young girl, saluted ber gracefully
© What
beautiful Trenestina? ? sald he
The speaker was tall, handsome and young wiog, and a baughty and almost vistainful cast o countenance, for hough baptized, at heart a pagan.

- We hare been you', said Tenestina, passing orer without notic mother has taken the fever, and I fear she must be getting rapidly worse, for to-day I hat
been permitted to approach her bedside.'
been permitted to approach her bedside. replied Severus, in a careless, indiflerent manner cim the lustre of those beautifcl ejes. ofter a 1 see Heregarius? asted the joung man lation were frulless.
' My father is in my mother's room, where no great consolation to him to know that you ar great, consolation to him to knory liat you are rest after jour fatiguing journey. tation, I cannot delay, for King Childebert has arrived at Matowal, where he intends passiw-
some weeks, and I must hasten to present myself at couri, particulary sis thare is to be grand hunting party in the forest to-morrow
which I hope to be invited. So, adeu. I win soon return to hear tidings of the noble Truda. 'May God protect you, Severis,' said the young ginl, sadlly, and give me the grace to be galloping rapudly amay.

'And he leares us un such a moment-he
whoim my mother chose for her son,' said Tenes-
tina, bitterly. Cortege, ghree after her lover and his brilliant borses, turned suddenly from a bye-palh into the open road.
'It is Pigomer,' exclamed the nurse, joy-
fully. fully. At the sight of thas anxiously expected risitor Tenistina bounded forward with urepressible emotiou, fell on ber knees and cried in accents
of earnest entreaty: my mother, who is sick unto death.'
'God alone can give health to the sick,' re-
phed Rigomer, with gentle seriousness ; but ob hed Rigomer, wilh gentle seriousness; but ob
erving her deep grief he felt moved with compassion, and added, 'bave confidence, my dear
daughter, he who has given his children an exdaugher, he who has given his chisuren an ex-
press command to honor their father and their ilal piaty eren in this lif
The venerable man who thus spoke enjoged
though stll young, a bigh reputation for sancHe washout all Maine.
he rillage of Sant-Rigomer-des-Bois. His fided the care of his education to a boly priest named Sausillus, with whom he made rapid pro-
gress in scieuce aud belles-lettres, and still more ine practice of erery Cbristian rirtue. Raised to the dignity of the priesthood by the holy
bishop, Innocent, he preached Jesus Christ diroughoul the diocese, but particularly in Son
dis nois, his native place, where te still found many vorshippers of Odin, and a great number who
vere attached to Druidical customs, honoriog with a superstitious worship fountams and trees and offerng up sacrifices to false divinities. The
indefatgable zeal of Rigomer, ms virtues and is eloquence, brought many to the knowledge of the pure truths of Christianity ; and as if to give
more force to the preaching of this holy priest more force to the preaching of this holy priest
God worked several mracles through his inter
The sic
iends of the brought to him in crowds, the come avd administer to them the last sacraments, for be bad receired from on high an especia Whent.
Whe man of Gou was mtroduced b Tenestina into her mother's chamber, he foun that noble lady in a ligh fever, and seated nea
her couci was Heregarus, her husband, in dee anliction.
'It is too late,' said the latter, in a low voice,
pointing with his finger to the sick woman, who neither saw nor compreliended what was passing
around ber; but Nigomer, approaching, made he sign of the cross, and took from the hand ol oil, and openng it, rectited with tears a long an at the foot of the bed, prayed with unspeakabla ardor. Neser lad she been so agitated before we was inflamed with a celestial hire ; her tear
was dissolved with durine love; she felt that something great, mysterious, superbuman, Rigomer barug coneluded his prayers, anoint
ed the hands and feet of the sick woinen wit blessed oil, who iminediately recovered he senses, sat up in bed, embraced her liasband and -I am bealed!'
It is not in the power of words to express al derly united. Tenestina blessed the Lord, whil
dit yes, and all present slared her emotion. - Hyw can we ereer pay the debt of gratitude wa teet of the holy man; 'you, who have restore wife to her husband, a mother to her child
'Return thanks to God alone,' replied Rigomer, 'for evers good and perfect goft come rom him,' and proiting by the. favorable occa
ion, he exhorled the assistants to live in ractice of piety and good works, in order tha more prectous by far llan the bealth of the Then taking leare of the family to which he bad restored joy and happiness, he mounted his horse, and without waiting to partale of the r-
past which they had hastened to prepare for him he was soon lost
turned to his cell

CHAPTER I.-THE CONVENT
Three years äfter the miraculous cure we
have described, Truda, accompanied by the nurse, and attended by a train of servants, passdraivn by tivo 0 es draivn by two oxen, who with slow and unifor
step narched along: She looked the very picture of hiealth, bu: her mind was evidently pres
occapied with thoughts that cast a gloom oper
countenance usually calm and serene. After
journeping for several hours, the little cararan reached a spot where the trees were so dense
that pedestrians could with difficulty force their wat pedestrians could with difficulty force their
way through. The two women descended from the chariot, and preceded by their guide, strore 'Mon Dieu! horr profound is this solitude! How could Tenestina endure it so long? said the noble lady, who till that moment bad been
completelg buried in thought. As she
the arr.
I rec
'I recognise ing daughter's voice,'s said Truda, dition of tion. Walking as rapidly as the conat a verdant glaude waternitted by a limpid stream and scarcely had she taken a few steps on the grassy turf when a girl, bounding like a gazelie
from a leafy arbor which served her as a retreat, rell into ber arms in a state of jogous palpita-
' 'You here, my dear mother!' sail Tenestina, expect to see you before the festiral of Easter.' Tenestina was no longer the fragle girl that
we saw in such deep sorrow at the begining of We saw in such deep sorrow at the begoning
this story. She was now tall and handsome, ling with joy and happiness. Her costume also was changed. She no longer wore a robe of ornameots of gold and pearls befitting ladies her condition, but a garment of coarse cloth en-
veloped her slight and delicate form, a hempen cord around her waist replaced the rich girdle under a simple linen cornet. 'My daughter, said Truda, releasing her at
length from her encircling arms, 1 wish to speak to you on a rery important matter; listen to me down the corn in the fields you will hare attained pour twentieth year. Severus, your betrothed - Mother,' replied Tenestuna, with sentle firm ess, 'I will never bave ang other spouse than Jesus Christ, my Saviour, who preserred you
from death, and whom the renerable Rigoner has taught me to serre un silence and in soli
tude? pass your youth in this frighlaful desert, this place in which we only permitted you to dwell for
time, in compliance with gour carnest desire.? 'Ah! if jou knew, my dear mother, pleasant the peaceful life my companions and I lead here, occupied all the day in working fo praying to God, or hymanirg IFis praises under wo blue vault of heaven, face to face with the
wonders of creation, you would not wish to tear e Irom this happy retreat,
'But hare you forgotten, my dear child, the plighted to Sererus, the only son of your father' ancient companion in arms?
'I was scarcely six years old when that pro-
mise was made,' said Tenestina, ' and if you had not spoken of it frequentiy since, I rould hare lost all remembrance of the ceremony. It neper
bound my beart nor my faith, for the Sacrament marriage alone has power to bind a woman to from the row I made to Grod. I made it iu the fullness of reason and liberty, and I renerv it each day in all the joy of my soul. Oh! my mother, you who iirst taught me when I was a
little clild on your knee to know and love the Divine Sartour, you cannot desire to tear
from his service, to which I have vowed mpself especially that very day when you were miracu-
lously restored to health; for it will secure my Trupas ins wald and the nex Truda bent her head without, replying, for sh was between wo feelings-lhe fear of onfending
the Lord by opposing her dayghter's rocation and the terror she felt in anticipation of the rage In the heart of that pious matron, however grace soon trumphed over nature. She looke
upoo her kneeling daughter with deep affection upon her kneeling daughter writh deep affection
kissed ber agan and again, and drying her tears sald, 'Then follow your vocation, my. belove my part, of the sacrifice. Yes, you will aceep an offering, like that of Cain, from which yo turned away your lace, for never was : a pure
dore offered up as a liolocaust, never dida farre creature hide ber attractions under the consecra

The mother and daughter then prostrate themselves an the earth, and praged together
and afterwards Truda and the nurse shared vith Whe litile community the black bread and chees quenched therr ihirst in the clear waters of the brook, and baving visited the renerable Rigom

Those cell was contiguous, and under whos
guidance the community adranced in the patlis of perfectio
chapter m.-the worldling and his
friend.
The following morning Truda arrived at her e result of her journes. Heregarius, who was
 ingly the designs of Providence with regard to his only daughter ; but whilst the father and mo her opebed their hearts in confidential comane the whit cenued from the chamber which le occupied unexpectedly

- Well,' said be in the imperious tone which the mall when will Truda looked at her husband, who bent ead without repignn, then summoning all her
ourage she offered the young man a seat beside her, and pressing his hand affectionately, said:Severus, your affianced brute has not closen another husband among the noble lords of
France. Vainly would the kings of the earih ofier to share their throne with her, but the King who may dispute His will. You will easily flad another wife among the bighest and noblest to the Dirine will, as Heregarius and I have 'What do I find another daught
"What do I hear?" cried the young man, phom surprise and rage had ior a moment de plighted failh. Learn, then, that you cannot port ivith impunity with such a one as I. So
was for this purpose jou banished pour daughter and concealed from me so carefully the place
ber retreat? But I thall discoser it if it wer her retreal? But I dhall discoser it, if it wer
in the bowels of the earth, and woe to you, an woe to Tenestina if she breaks faith with me.' age, and the affection we have allways testified towards you,' said Heregarus with dignity, nevertheless I excuse sour anger since your affection for our belored daughter seems to be
the cause, and because I believe you will not be But sererus heard nim hot, for, a prey to nolent anger, he lasteaed from lis presence, and
taking from the stable the horse be usually rode thousand projects of rerenge. He had ridden Cor a half an hour when he met on the highway a young liberline of has acquaintance, prodigal gloomy and preoccupped, at once asked the cause of hus unsocia moont whase filled with gall, told
Severus, him his troubles, addng that it was not Tenes-
tina's pretty face whicin he regretted, but her tina's pretty face whici be regretted, but her
large fortune and ber broad lands, in the liope of enjoying which soon lie bad spent tis own for-
tuae and contracted large debls without a thought. "Look at the absurdity of this young girl ; she is beautiful it must be confessed; she
is noble, she is rich, and yet she wishles to bury is noble, she is rich, and yet she wishes to bur
herself in solitude. Can you understand it?' Yes,' replied his cotupanion, 'and you are Irue cause of this singular folly. Learn, then that four promised bride has been seduced by a
certau Rigomer, whom the igoorant berd look ertata Rigomer, whom the ignorant herd look upon as a saint, and to whom many supersitltous
men attribute the gift of miracles. She assiduously attended all the preachings of his man, who has latterly excited the multitude to such a deMars, the noble god of war, the only one which remained to us in the country, and the daughter Heregarius, rather than lire at a distance rom this un
'Curses on you who, calling jourself my friend
did not sooner un reil to ane thas mystery of ini-
guity, cried Sererus, passionately; 'r but if the evil is begond remedy, rerenge at least remairs,
to me, and revenge is the pleasure of the gods So saying, he struck the spurs into the courser's flank and left far behind bum the infamous catiunnatar, who, with a diabolical smile playing
over his face, coolly regarded his Iiging friend.
Chapter iv.-The ordeal.
Tenestina sat embroidering an altar-cloth for he Christian Church, nerly erected on the ruins sual noise alarmed ber, when a strange and un sudden tremor.
-What can that noise mean, sisters 3" said sbe o. her compabions, who were seated beside her
oider the stadow of a wide-spreadng oak does it rot sound libe the clash of arms, and the ${ }^{4}$ Pergaps 'is hutitsmen coming
stag eren in the depths of the forest, replied the
ing dear sisters why do they thus tornent God's
inoflensise creatures? As she spoke a troop of rimed men suddenly burst through the thicket The timid recluses were on the point of seeking melter in their cells when the renerable Rigo wer adranced from amid the armed band and
tood alone aud unaccompanied in the centre of
- My daughter,' said he to Tenestna, ' King Childebert has summoned you and I to appear conduct, and we must obey his orders, since the rereign authority represents God.
Tenestina regarded him at first with surprise年self with sorrow; but without permitting companions and folloved lier father in Cbrist wht all the calm of a pure conscrence. Rigo mer remembering that eliquette did not permit went to the sacristy, and took from thence two large wasen tapers, and strong in his innocence,
fearlessly followed the inessengers of the Franksla Prince
At that tume Chaldebert and all ins court wer in one of the royal domanns, situated in the an-
cient lle de- France, in that portion of the dewhere a: presen King heard of the arrival of the persons summoned to appear before his tribunal he convened rought before him.
Rigomer and Tenestina were conducted into saxen taper which they bad brought as an 'Behold the culprits!' said the counsellor en caped by Severus to sustain lise accusation.divert the aflections of a young maiden from her afianced lord, and break a solemn engagement During this appeal Cluldebert attentively reavor by the extreme beauty of the young gir! and the renerable appearance of Rigomer, he asked them kundly, what reply they had to make they were innocent of all crime, that in the conduct and their spritual affection they had no object but the glory of God, and the salvation of The king rellected for a moment. 'If what ou say be true, sain he 'give us a clear an our prayers alone light those tapers which you

The whinle assembly were astonished when Gear tins strange decree; but the serranis Almigit 10 sint and eansestly besough noutes passed, and a lin white smote was see bove the wick, to the surprise and awe of the pectators. Then Rigomer standung erect,
sretcted bis hand over the tapers and makiag : Ingn of the cross, said solemaly,

## give light.'

 ing light shone through the room, and the large hall was brilliantly illuminated by the supernatural light slied from the two tapers.Struck with wouder and admiration, the King and all his connsellors left their seats, and, sur oundung the two holy persons, asked pardon for which they bad addressed them. Childeber ud more. Not satisfied with word only, he of ered Rugomer and Tenestina two eslares whinch hermitage. He ordered also that Tenestuna nd beged the procers of both for his own wel fare and that of his kngdom.
With hearts burning with gratitude to Hum
who bad changed in their behalf the laws of nature, they returned to their native place.
Rigomer built a cell in a lonely swood, where
ow stands the town of Sorlique sous. Fallo ispensugg in alms the great riches wach be in herited trom his family, and with all the zeal of and prayer. Numerous disciples, attracted by his reputation for pirtue and sanctity, placed themselves under bis spiritual direction, and built
their cells contiguous to : hiss. Such was the

An of the Tenasist of Souligne. she repared to Mans,
here she received the reil from the hands of Her father and mother, who were present:at the ceremony, built an oratory and a convent for her a place called Gourdaine, situated betreeen the anctent.Roman lunits of the city of IMians and in this retreat, where she lived to a mery advanced age, occupid like the anciêtideacon Osint Inocent eight bish
the diocese from 615 to 660 .

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## CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

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## HONTREAL, FRIDAY, APRIL 22.

The Prussians keep blazing away at Duppel which the Danes still thold possession ot. Nego tations for an amicabie stilemet ate
ureely carried on. Denmark bas consented the Coonterence, which was to bave opened 1 London on the
sentatives of the Powers parties to the Treaty sent May 1852 -that is to say of Austral, France, Prussia, Russia, Sweden, Great Britan and
Denmark, were expected to attend. The Paris Deomark were expected to attenu. The Faris
Constitutionnel of the 1st instant, in an editoral,
 timents of the Frenel Gorernment on the questions at ssue, conteds hact foren future of the
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ermment and what sorereigig they would hare.
The beallh of the Sorereigo Pontiff continues to improre. The rumors of an outbreak be-
twixt Piedmoot and Austra contmas to circutwist Piedmoot and Austral continue to circu
Jate ; and the Roman correspondent of the Lon don Tab.et, writung ou the 19 th ult., tells
that numbers of lamiles from Ferrara and Bo that numbers of amiles from Frinare to Rome for sheiter, expecting that in a ferv days hostilities wilt lave com menced, and an Austrian army will be across the
Po and Minclo. We are ganain assured by the Parisian journals that the difificulties relative to the departure of the Archluble Maximilian for
Mexico will not fail to be shorlly arranged.There have been sllirraishes betwixt the Pole
and the Russinns, but the insurrection mas be and the Russinns, but the insurrection mas b jooked upor as rritually at an
jess the crueltes of the Ruiss
victums do not slacken, and we read in the Times of the custumary foosgings and deportations on the uahappy Poles. In Galicia they seen tor have a "Beast Butle"" of their own, worthy of
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Our latest dates are by the steamer Sacomia. We learn thal the Falmerston Cabnet is in a very ral-Mr. Stansfeld - Mas been corpelled to resign. Mazist pur bis Jellow-conspirator. Gainstant, and all the rabble and rascaldom of the place went forth to meet him. That his vist is some anticipated revolutionary outbreak on the
Contineot $1 s$ the general opinion. The House of Lords bad finally disposed of the Alexandra case, and bad dismissed the appeal against the juigment Duppel stull continued.
The long expected Spring campaign in the Un:ted States has not longer be delayed. Erergthing seems oo indicate that it will be bloody and decisive.full of confideuce, and eager for action.

It must not be supposed that because the True Witness protesses to be a non-political
naper-(and we think that we may boast that in paper-(and we think that we may boast that in
this particular it is faithful to its profession)- it endorses the Liberal priaciple that religion should not meddle with politics; or that it believes that
there are no great poltical questions in which he Church is deeply inleresteds and upon wisich it behores all Catholics to act intelligently anu conscestiousiy, with determination and in con-
We tical power, or privileges, which the existing order phaces in our bands should be used as a trust for which we are responsible to God, and
the Chourch; and-we are not asliamed to avow it or afrand of the epithet "priest-ridden" which our arowal may call forth-exercised under he
direction. The Catholic voter may make it bis boast, if be likes, that his rote is has own, that he woast, if cast it -as be pleases; and that he will not be dictated to by any man, priest or Bishop; but five boast is a vain one, and shows that he
is but imperfectly acquanted with his Catechism and bis duties towards God. To Hım we all n the purely religious and moral orders. For Him, and for His service we are bound to exercise every faculty, matural or acquired, that we
may possess $;$ and we are as much obliged to
obif. Him speaking to us through His Church, boidy politic, as in that of Cbritiars and mem. bers of:His payatic body the Church. We, ealto-
doctrine that the Cburch bas no rigbt to inter
fere in politics, or to instruct her children b they sliould exercise ther privileges as citizens
And we are far from believing that And we are far trom believing that tbe
Church in Canada is not interested, and deeply interested in the great political questions of the day; or that these are questions upon which neutrality even is permissible to
logal children. Not ooly, therefore, do ourselres at liberty to discuss them, but we cognise that, as Catholics as well as citizens,
is our bounden duty to do so but from a differ nt point of nuew from that from which our secular correspondents uiscuss them. It is in this sense, and in this sense orly, that we profess to
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cal communty, and call loudly for prompt and nat solution. We look with placid indifference pon the sordid struggles of Ins and Outs for he spoils of office. We care not whether this
an, or that man, hare the fingering of the pub. man, or that man, hare the fingering of the pub. fill the success or falure of such or such weasure affect the clances of this man's adrent power, that man's return to Parlament, the of fat Gorernment conrracts? These things delight not, interest not, us. But we ask ourselres -how will the adoption or the rejection of a fuence will it bave upon her aflairs, her autonoiny, and the moral and social welfare of her our religious liberties? For ustance:
There is one question which more than any other, attracts pubic attention, aad is day by day, becoming of more pressing importance :That of the relative situations of Upper and of British North America. Several solutions of bis great question lare been presented to us by her of different parties:-

Representation by Population
2. The Union of all the British North Ameri
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4. Maintenance of the "Constitution of Can-

## Equality of Pepresentation,

Now it is impossible for the Catholic to be in different upan such a question as this, or neutra] as to which of the four possible solutions given bore, shall be ultimately adopted; because on depends the future status of the Catholic Cburct in Canada, the religious liberties and moral well being of her children. We eliminate the na-
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ligious liberties of Her Majesty's Catholac subjects in Canada, which are dependent upon the solution of a political question that at first sight alution of a poitical q
ppears purely secular.
So far however from being purely secular, 1 t is a question that cannot be fairly discussed
without the metroduction of religious topics; and is silly therelore to blame either Catholic or Protestant for bis dragging of the "sectarian" element into its discussion, or in this particular
nostance to censure George Brown as a provoler to religious strife. The question as to the rela
tire political positions of Upper and Lower Cantive political positions of Upper and Lower Can-
da is more than a political question; it is a national question; it is a bore all and essentally a religious and Catholic question.
We of Lower Canada, whetber Protestant or Catholic, enjog all the blessings of relogious freeour Catholic bretiren of Upper Canada to a les perfect, though still to a high degree, enjoy the same blessings. But for what of religious ho Canada enjoy, they owe no thanks to the enlyatened or equitable sentiments of their noniag , indebted to the political equality which under our actual system obtains as betwixt the the Province. Disturb this political equality e to Upper Canada the least preponderance in the common Legislature of the Province, and
or us Catholics, religious liberts would be a hing of the past. Only because of the existing "Equality of Representation" in the poltincal order, is it that Canada bas since the Union been delivered from the curse of Protestant Ascendency. This is what exasperates the people of
the West $:$ it is this that stimulates them in their agitation for "Representation by Population"a measure which would ensure to them a preponderance in the Legislature. This change
effected, our ecclesiastical propertes, ty thes, the endowments of all our religious corporations, of
our charitable and educational institations, found. ed by the piety of the firsi Catholic settlers, and sustained by the liberality, and many sacrifices ol
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Emmanuel towards the Church and her institu Indeed the Canadian Protestant press by its un qualified and incessant laudatoons of every act of infidels of Europe and South America, makes no effort eren to conceal the real designs of Protes Nor would this be all. Our educational system would, were Protestants in the ascendency in th Yankee system. The riguts of the Famils nould be ignored in Mo matter of edue Family would sanctity of the Fomits the basis of Clristian so cietr, would be destroyed by the introduction of a filthy code of disorce lavs, such as that which already bas produced most deplorable effects in the United States, in Eugland, and in those of her Colonies that have already followed her ex ample, and copeed her anti-Christian matrumonia legislation. These-the confiscation of all ec
clesiastical property, State-Schoolism in its most clesiastical property, State-Schoolism in its most
odious form-and the legalisation of Divorce rould be amongst the first measures which Pro testant preponderance in the Legislature, through
Representation by Population, would impose

And still more abject would be our fate, stil more galling would be our serritude, were the In Prorinces to become un faut accompli. I sucin a Legislature as such a Union would give us, the vore of Catholic Lower Canada woul
be drowned, her ualuence swamped-for it must be remembered that in low bigotry, in disregard of truth and justice, and in their batred of Popers, the great mass of the population of the eren, the Liberals or Protestant Reformers eren, the Liberals or Protestant Reformers of
Upper Canada. The most rancorous enemy o the Catholic Church, could not devise a mora peedy and effectual melbod for her spolatio and degradation, hanan that, which comes to us in
the form of a proposal for a Union of the Britsisi Norti. American Provinces
Our only chance of salration, humanls speak ing, lies in our ability to preserve intact "Equal ty of Representation;" or, failing in that, in the
Repeal pur et simple of the Legislatire Unio betwixt Upper and Lower Canada. To one o the other of these tro plans should the undivided attention of every Catholic in the Province be giren. All other questions are of but very setion the one test question which by Catholic roters should be proposed to every candidate for their suffrages is this-" Will you ever, no ma God, every effort that upon any pretence what Equality of Representation, or to gire to Pro testant Upper Canada any the slightest prepon derance in the Legislature?" He who answers
? this question boldfy in the affirmative 1 s , no matter whers it in colors, our friend; he who enemy with whom we should, if we respect our eelves, bolld no terms : whilst he who rerales a plat selves, bold cirect straightforward answer to the question, who hesitates to gire a manly "Yes" or "No," should in like manner be treated as our enemybut as a mean, cowardly, sneaking enemy, doubly
redoubtable, doubly odious, with whom no man of any party should hold conferse, and from Whom all true Catholics, and honest men should
brink with loatbing and contempt.
These are the polities of the True What ness: for whth us all political problems resolv themselres into this-Tbat of resistance, no matter at what cost, to every attempt that may In made to gire preponderance to Protestan the affuirs of Catbolic Lower Canada. This the great, the urgent political question of th cannot poned. Timid and silly statesmen may shut of ghosts, and s 3 flatter themsel les that it 15 no there before them. But it is there, and will no be charmed away either by lools or cowards.Only by brave men, by honest and natelligen to this task, if there be aught of matelligence aught of manbood, aught of honesty, augbt of Catholic feeling amongst our Catholic publicis address themselves! Alas! we fear that the are all too intent upon their ignoble struggles fo place and pelf, to give beed to the calls of duty Church in oking their help in the hour of their We hare men with talent enough, but what mant are bonest men, and plucky men, for it is only by honesty and by pluck that Lower Can-
ada can be delivered from Anglo-Saxon, and Protestant Ascendency; and honesty and pluck are the verg qualities in which all our public nen are the most sadly and glariugly deficien
O that amongst them there were one, but one
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iremb
which taught France how she in her darkes hour might yet repel the nvader of her soil.l'audace. Pluck, pluck, always pluck, and rs No Surrender." This is all that is needed to make men insincable, and to save Lower Canada; for rotestant Anglo-Saxons believe. that it is their dians off the face of the earth," only becaus the latter are too apt to believe in it themselres, belie!

The Montreal Witness has for some time en doing his best to persuade the Protestants of Thower Canada that, in the matter of educa ion, they are a much abused, and "put upon" lass of the community. Somehow or other the arg of the evangelical journalist bas met wilb erested : and we are not aware that a single pe tition from any body of Protestants in the Lowe Province has as yet been sent up to the Legisla ure, setting forth their grie pances, and praying or redress. From this we should leel inclined reat : and that upon the whole the Protestants Eastern Canada are well satisfied with the la it stands.
Not that we deem it perfect, or that, if in any ngle instance it can be shown :hat a Protestan bas been unjustly dealt with-we would refuse mmediate and ample redress. All that we ask
or our co-religionists in the West, we should be repared to concede, not as a favor butas a right and at a minute's notice, to our separated bre hren in the East. As citizens, as parents their urs ; and their rights are the same, as sacred as atholics-it cannot be repeated too often-i here they are the weaker party, they must sho themselves prompt in meting out justice to Pro lestants, when the latter are in the minority.
The Witness insists much upon the injustice o compelling Protestants, proprietors in, but not re dents of, school districts in which a Protestan tax to the Comnissioners of the Common sclool nit he cites the case of a Dr. Godfrey of this City, who has thus been deal! with; and who, by jugment of Judge Short, a Protestant, has been obliged to hand over the amount of the school ta upon prop etty held by him at Drummondrille, $t$ dis Commissioners of the Common school of that Protestant Dissentient school. Here apparentl a case of hardship; but the law itself, not the administration of the law, is in fault. But the law iself appears to be doubtifl; for in an analogou case, Judge Coursol-a Catholic-decided in the
very contrary sense, and in favor of Mr. John Young, when the latter was sued by the Common School Commissioners at the Tannerres. Thus in one case a Protestant Judge interpreted the law
in a sense hostile to Protestant claims ; whilst a Catholic Judge interpreted $t \mathrm{t}$ in favor of thos ame claims. The lave evidently is not well word d, and is open to Reform. So far the Witness as for once sense and justice in his favor.
An indeed the Superintendent of Education is, Are think, of the same opinion; baving, when Judge ion toas Atlorney-General, given his approbaent proprietors in any school district to pay ore the amount of their respective school tax for that district, to the Dissentient school, should there be complains, not only that the existing the witnes ive, but that the Superintendent of Education is he person to whom the defects of that law are at rather shows humself in his true and natural bo lors-those of a bigot and a calumniator.
If Protestants feel themselves aggrieved by the xisting School Law, and are anxious for redress, is for them to take the initiative; it is for them set forth in petitons to the Legislature the nature of the Reforms which their case demands, osupport the praper of those petition Parlament lo support the prayer of those petitions. And on
our part we hesitate not to say that it would be ighly impolitic--(to take the very lowest grounds) - For Catholics in Lower Canada to refuse re dress ; or for the satze of the greater efficacy of their sehoois sort of those institutions upon the plea of "non-ressidence." We would leare both Cabolct and Protestant proprietors, resident or non-
resident, at liberty to determine, in every particuar instance, whether their school taxes should be
paid over to the Comrussioners of the Common of the Dissentient, school ; and thus by approviog ourselves just and liberal inwards our Protestant fellow-cilizens io the Liower Province, nand just and liberal treatment for our Catholic bretbren in the West. Whatsoever, in short, that we would that men should do unto
should we be prompt to do unto them.


A Pertinent Question.-A writer in a reent issue of the Montreal Gazette puts the following question to the sereral Missionary Socleties of Montreal :-


Thus it will be seen that the correspondent of the Gazette distinguishes three characters in the agents" and " missionaries" when the Montreal ricts-that of hypocritical knares; that of crazy fanatics ; and thrdly and lastly that of of crazy maded and iliterate bigots. How is 1 t, he asts; tat such men are inflicted on us?
The answer to this question, as it seems to us, is not far to seek. With res?ect to the "agents"
or " missionaries of the first class," men who are or " missionaries of the first class," men who are rsonal religion-the acantes tor found in he fact with which evers studer to be found in wre is well acquanted-that it is much easier to fiect a lively interest for others, than to reform one's own conduct. "Home Missions" those to Romanists especially, present an easy method of acquiring a reputation for Godliness, without ates for this kiod of reputation, The wealdiraudulent bankrupt, for instance, would find it a ery hard thing were be called upon to make restitution of lus ill-gotten gans, to gire which he had plundered them. But erangelicalsm calls upon him to do none of these things, deed rather disc cuntenances them-as saroring " "self-righteousness"-as a seeking after jusfatchion by the works of the flesh, instead of by farth alone"-as filthy rags unbecoming those
who profess to "have put on Christ and His who profess to "have put on Christ and His
righteousness." Not in the worbs of the law in which Papists trust but from which the elect gns of regenerate heart, and the working of the Holp pirit of God; but rather in the contempt for those langs, in loud professions of piety, in a
"full assurance" of salvation, and abore all, in an tentatious ansiety about be all the rest of the world. In inflicting upon The rural districts of Canada as "agents" and missionaries" men who iu their own localtites ion," the evangelising societies of Montreal act strict conformity with their fundamental priaiples, and assert the doctrine of " justification by fath alone." . If these societies a varied themselves of the services of honest men, of "world-
godly generation may openly jeer at hita
nay, may sometimes be provoked hy his insolence to callin questior his authority to preach and to pound - chade up to him, by the consolations and the sweeinesses, with which bis career more often accompanied. For an easy going ry." It is the only calling that we lsow of, that equires from those who follow it neither capita nor education; no sngle qualification in short of of mpudence, a tolerable fund of self-conceit and a brazen face.

Warming to Secret Societies. - Members of these foolish and wicked organisations from the Goverument, but they are mistaken.Always are there trattors in therr ranks, Ghoul drive their most lucrative trade as informers in mes of civil ciscord. Often your most arden patriot, your most eloquent and ferrent de-
pouncer of the alien oppressor of his native land is the medium of communication betwist the Police and the Secret Society. This point was strongly urged on the attention of his fellowKeogh; who, when passing senfence upon te following remarts with regard to the "traitor patriots of ${ }^{2}$, who mouthed poetical sedition stold English prose, betrayed for a consideration the secrets with which they had been entrusted Mr. Justice Keogh said:-
 bones out of danger. It was known to every law of
fecr who had any esperienco in such maiters that
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 Juige Keog was tumself fork treme first Las Officer of the Crown in Ireland, and therefore speaks with certain knowledge of the facts.
From prudental reasons, and because many o he recipients of "blood money" in '48 may yet he mentions no names ; but there can be no doubt as to the facts, and these should suffice to expose the absurdity of supposing that the secret
of a political societs are any secrets to Gorernment against which it conspires.

We learn from the London Times' Malta correspondent that Garibald, arrived there on
Wednesday, 23rd ult. The fillibuster who expected a reception or oration took up his quar ers in one of the chef bolels, but he met with
but a very cold reception. Malta zontains a number of Italians from the mainland and from tyranny of the Piedmontese. These men nahrally recogn ised in Garibaldi one of the chief agents in ther own misery, and the degradation therefore in large numbers in the street of the oery striting Garibalat was lougeu, and gave ments entertained the notorious fillibuster by a large number of Italians. The Times' Garibaldi's unpopularity amongst Italians, and thus expresses his surprise :

Bearing in mind the misery, the degradation, and servitude that the conquest of Naples by the of the King of the Two Sicilies, Garibaldi's reception by the latter was just what might have he real facts of the case

The Gazette of Monday alludes to a report current in the streets respecting extensive forHouse of Assembly, and the efforts of certain olitical persons to buy up the forged noles, so report is says the" Gaectte, "1he former part of

Amongst the many aldresses, and remonCommittee of the Privy Council the Judicial Essays: and Reviews has provoled, there aone more worthy of notice than the one give to the world by Her Majescy's Archbishop of a "Pastoral Letter."
We read the beading with no little excitemen A Pasloral Letter" from a Protestant Arc ishop! This was indeed a novelty, and we bat terms is see what it was all about, addressed. A Catholic Bishop aduresses his Clergy and his flock in the accents of a father nd of authority; as one placed over them by bound to submit wemselves But in what chor acter would a gentleman deriviog his spritual authority frotn the Queen, or rather from Lord Palmerston, present humself to bis audience? and as an official of the Gorernment Worshipping Department, with his pretensions as a teacher of Christan truth? These thongs were what wo ere curiou
Well! we have read the Pastoral Letter, and considering its author, toe circumstances under of the writer and those to whom it is adllressed, it is a very pretty Letter indeed-quite a model proper spirit, as if C. T. Cantuar were quite aware of his own very subordinate position in the Department, and of his duty towards his ummesense to arod all superiors. He has the good or authority vested in hum by his late Government appointment; nor does be address bis and Holy Glost, as would a real or Catholic Bishop. In this respect he writes as he ought to shupprng or Ecclesiastical Department, whose duty it is to obey and bumbly carry oul the or debted for his very lucrative otiice.

The Judicial Committee of the Prisy Council baring, as the Supreme Tribunal of the Church of England and Ireland as By Lav Established, decided that, in the language of the Times the leased from all legal oblgation to " maintaina higher authority for the Scriptures than that
clammed for them in the Essays and Revievos "" and that the worls eternal puaishment mean any thing or nothing-' many members' of the Estab Canterburp to the so-called Archbishop Canterburp to know what he thought about the
matter. Thus appealed to, the official replies; admitting that "the Church"-so he funnily calls the branch of the administration to which he beof such solemn mierest ;" and that if it be asked Why be dad not announce his sentiments sooner, "that an anclent order of the Priry Council an the precedents of the Juilicial Committee seemed to forbid such a course!" C. T. Cautuar it will be seen, is a most discreet and docile offi-
He quite a treasure tn any public deparment. entirely unberoming in him as a member of be entirely unbecoming in himm as a memver of
the Court to presume to criticise the terms of a judgment concurred in by the able and distinguished persons who assented to it." He hopes that he knows bis place better than to criticise
the corduct of his superiors, or not to submit to thein in spritual matters. So, carefully avoiding anything, or any express:on of oplaion, that might
bring him into collision with those superiors, or provoke their censure; he tells us that be nevertheless feels hunself at liberty "to give" expres-
sion to opinions formed proor to the judgment-and this what he proceeds to do in the remainder of his Pastoral Leetter.
He tel!s us that, until the Judicial Committee the Privy Council had declared to the conva.y, he hau believed in the Inspiration of the Essays and Revieus that the teachings of the Articles of the Church, and the fundamental principles of Christianity. In the same way be admits that, until the same august tribunal had decided aganst him, he had believed, in the simnal," and that "everlastion" meant "everlast ing;" and he instuates that such is bis opinion still $^{\text {th }}$, though be feels that one in his subordinate
position has no right to impugn the judgment bis betters. After a goou deal of this kind stuff, he concludes with the expression of bis hope that all will yet go on well and smoothly in his departunent ; and termizates with a series of de
vout aspirations-some four or fire. in cumber"May God lorbid. * May that bless Book. - May we find and feel May it be our privilege," \&c. These only are
expressed, of course; understood, aud most $1 \mathrm{~m}-\mathrm{t}$ portant of all, there is the aspiration-" May and teach ns to eat the bread and butter with
which the State provides us - somewhat dirt
> ountenances."-C. T. Cantuar.
> Altogetker it is a very pretty though somewhat mawkish Pastoral ; and the only thing re markable about it is:-That it professes to bo
written by one who calls himself a successor the Apostles; who professes to have receipe the Holy Ghost for the office of Bishop in Christ's Church; ; and who las solemnif pledged lumself betore God and man to "banish and drive away God's Word; and btrange doctrine, con trary call upon ; and both privates to do the same. -Book of Common Prayer. We wish the good man had attempted to show in his Pastoral Letter how be reconciled this last clause of his judgment of the Sudicial Committee of the Pris Council!

Lecture by the Rev. Mr. O'Farrell. - On Tuesday evening $26 t h$ instant, at Bonaventure Hall, the Rev. Mr. O'Farrell will dePorand." Price ol admittance 25 ceats. The proceeds to be applied in belalf of St. Anne's Church. The Lecture will commence at eight

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