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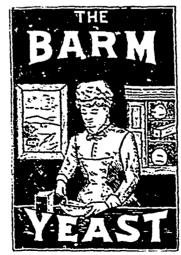
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Encyclical Letter

OF OUR HOLY FATHER POPE LEO XIII.

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Conditions of Labour.

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It is not surprising that the spirit of revolutionary change, which has so long been predominant in the nations of the world, should have passed beyond politics and made its influence felt in the cognate field of practical economy. The elements of a conflict are unmistakable: the growth of industry, and the surprising discoveries of science; the changed relations of masters and workmen; the enormous fortunes of individuals, and the poverty of the masses; the increased self-reliance and the closer mutual combination of the working population; and, finally, a general moral deterioration. The momentous seriousnese of the present state of things just now fills every mind with painful apprehension; wise men discuss it; practical men propose sch. mes; popular meetings, legislatures, and sovereign princes, all are occupied with it—and there is nothing which has a deeper hold

on public attention.

erefore, Venerable Brethren, as on former occasions, when it seemed opportune to refute false teaching. We have addressed you in the interests of the Church and of the common weal, and have issued Letters on Political Power, on Human Liberty, on the Christian Constitution of the State, and on similar subjects, so now We have thought it useful to speak on the condition of labor. It is a matter on which We have touched once or twice already. But in this Letter the responsibility of the Apostolic office urges Us to treat the question expression and at least to produce that there was been wistake as to the pressiy and at length, in order that there may be no mistake as to the principles which truth and justice dictate for its settlement. The discussion is not easy, nor is it free from danger. It is not easy to define the relative rights and the mutual duties of the wealthy and of the poor, of capital and of labor. And the danger lies in this, that crafty agitators constantly make use of these disputes to pervert men's judgments and to stir up the people to sedition.

But all agree, and there can be no question whatever, that some remedy must be found, and quickly found, for the misery and wretchedness which press so heavily at this moment on the large majority of the very poor. The ancient workmen's Guilds were destroyed in the last century, and no other organization took their place. Public institutions and the laws have repudiated the ancient religion. Hence by degrees it has come to pass that Working Men have been given over, isolated and defenceless, to the callousness of employers and the greed of unrestrained competition. The evil has been increased by apacious Usury, which, although more than once condemned by the Church, is nevertheless, under a different form but with the same guilt, still practised by avaricious and grasping men. must be added the custom of working by contract, and the concentra-tion of so many branches of trade in the hands of a few individuals,

so that a small number of very rich men have been able to lay upon the masses of the poor a yoke little better than slavery itself.

To remedy these evils the Socialists, working on the poor man's envy of the rich, endeavor to destroy private property, and maintain that individual possessions should become the common property of all, to be administered by the State or by provided helice. all, to be administered by the State or by municipal bodies. They hold that, by thus transferring property from private persons to the community, the present evil state of things will be set to rights, because each citizen will then have his equal share of whatever there is to enjoy. But their proposals are so clearly futile for all practical purposes, that if they were carried out the working man himself would

Moreover they are emphatically unjust, be among the first to suffer. because they would rob the lawful possessor, bring the State into a sphere that is not its own, and cause complete confusion in the com-

munity.

It is surely undeniable that, when a man engages in remunerative labor, the very reason and motive of his work is to obtain property, and to hold it as his own private possession. If one man hires out to another his strength or his industry, he does this for the purpose of receiving in return what is necessary for food and living; he thereby expressly proposes to acquire a full and real right, not only to the remuneration, but also to the disposal of that remuneration as he pleases. Thus, if he lives sparingly, saves money, and invests his savings, for greater security, in land, the land in such a case is only his ways in another forms, and appropriate a marking many little his wages in another form; and, consequently, a working man's little estate thus purchased should be as completely at his own disposal as the wages he receives for his labor. But it is precisely in this power of disposal that ownership consists, whether the property be land or movable goods. The Socialists, therefore, in endeavoring to transfer the possessions of individuals to the community, strike at the interests of every wage-earner, for they deprive him of the liberty of disposing of his wages, and thus of all hope and possibility of increasing his stock and of bettering his condition in life.

What is of still greater importance, however, is that the remedy they propose is manifestly against justice. For every man has by nature the right to possess property of his own. This is one of the chief points of distinction between man and the animal creation. For the brute has no power of self-direction, but is governed by two chief instincts, which keep his powers alert, move him to use his strength, and determine him to action without the power of choice. These instincts are self-preservation and the propagation of the species. Both can attain their purpose by means of things which are close at hand; beyond their surroundings the brute creation cannot go, for they are moved to action by sensibility alone, and by the things which But with man it is different indeed. He possesses, sense perceives. on the one hand, the full perfection of animal nature, and therefore he enjoys, at least, as much as the rest of the animal race, the fruition of the things of the body. But animality, however perfect, is far from being the whole of humanity, and is indeed humanity's humble handmaid, made to serve and obey. It is the mind, or the reason, which is the chief thing in us who are human beings; it is this which makes a human being human, and distinguishes him essentiatly and completely from the brute. And on this account, viz.—that ma alone among animals possesses reason—it must be within his right to have things not merely for temporary and momentary use, as other living beings have them, but in stable and permanent possession; he must have not only things which perish in the using, but also those which, though used, remain for use in the future.

This becomes still more clearly evident if we consider man's nature a little more deeply. For man, comprehending by the power of his reason things innumerable, and joining the future with the present—being, moreover, the master of his own acts—governs himself by the foresight of his counsel, under the eternal law and the power of God whose Providence governs all things. Wherefore it is in his power to exercise his choice not only on things which regard his present welfare, but also on those which will be for his advantage in time to come. Hence man not only can possess the fruits of the earth, but also the earth itself; for of the products of the earth he can make provision for the future. Man's needs do not die out, but recur; satisfied to-day they demand new supplies to-morrow. Nature, therefore, owes to man a storchouse that shall never fail, the daily supply of his daily wants. And this he finds only in the inexhaustible fertility of the earth.

Nor must we, at this stage, have recourse to the State. Man is o'der than the State; and he holds the right of providing for the life of his body prior to the formation of any State. And to say that God has given the earth to the use and enjoyment of the universal human race is not to deny that there can be private property. For God has granted the earth to mankind in general; not in the sense that all without distinction can deal with it as they please, but rather that no part of it has been assigned to any one in particular, and that the limits of private possession have been left to be fixed by man's own industry and the laws of individual peoples. Moreover the earth, though divided among private owners, ceases not thereby to

minister to the needs of all; for there is no one who does no live on what the land brings forth. Those who do not possess the soil contribute their labour; so that it may be truly said that all human subsistence is derived either from labour on one's own land, or from some laborious industry which is paid for either in the product of the land itself or in that which is exchanged for what the land brings forth.

Here, again, we have another proof that private ownership is according to nature's law. For that which is required for the preservation of life, and for life's well-being, is produced in great abundance by the earth, but not until man has brought it into cultivation and lavished upon it his care and skill. Now, when man thus spends the industry of his mind and the strength of his body in procuring the fruits of nature, by that act he makes his own that portion of nature's field which he cultivates—that portion on which he leaves, as it were, the impress of his own personality; and it cannot but be just that he should possess that portion as his own, and should have a right to keep it without molestation.

These arguments are so strong and convincing that it seems surprising that certain ob olete opinions should now be revived in opposition to what is here laid down. We are told that it is right for private persons to have the use of the soil and the fruits of the land, but that it is unjust for any one to possess as owner either the land on which he has built or the estate which he has cultivated. But those who assert this do not perceive that they are robbing man of what his own labour has produced. For the soil which is tilled and cultivated with toil and skill utterly changes its condition; it was wild before, it is now fruitful; it was barren, and now it brings forth

in abundance. That which has thus altered and improved it becomes so truly part of itself as to be in great measure indistinguishable and inseparable from it. Is it just that the fruit of a man's sweat and labour should be enjoyed by another? As effects follow their cause, so it is just and right that the results of labour should belong to him

who has laboured.

With reason, therefore, the common opinion of mankind, little affected by the few dissentients who have maintained the opposite view, has found in the study of nature, and in the law of nature herself, the foundation of the division of property, and has concentrated by the practice of all ages the principle of private ownership, as being pre-eminently in conformity with human nature, and as conducing in the most unmistakable manner to the peace and tranquitity of human life. The same principle is confirmed and enforced by the civil laws—laws which, as long as they are just, derive their binding force from the law of nature. The authority of the Divine Law adds its sanction, forbidding us in the gravest terms even to covet that which is another's: - Thou shalt not coret thy neighbour's wife; nor his house, nor his field, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything which is his.

The rights here spoken of, belonging to each individual man, are seen in a much stronger light if they are considered in relation to man's

social and domestic obligations.

In choosing a state of life, it is indisputable that all are at full liberty either to foliow the counsel of Jesus Christ as to virginity, or to enter into the bonds of marriage. No human law can abolish the natural and primitive right of marriage, or in any way limit the chief and principal purpose of marriage, ordained by God's authority from the beginning. Increase and multiply. Thus we have the Family; the "society" of a man's own household; a society limited indeed in numbers, but a true "society," anterior to every kind of State or nation, with rights and duties of his own, totally independent of the commonwealth.

The right of property, therefore, which has been proved to belong naturally to individual persons, must also belong to a man in his capacity of head of a family; nay, such a person must possess this right so much the more clearly in proportion as his position multiplies his duties. For it is a most sacred law of nature that a father must provide food and all necessaries for those whom he has begotten; and, similarly, nature dictates that a man's children, who carry on, as it were, and continue his own personality, should be provided by him with all that is needful to enable them honourably to keep themselves from want and misery in the uncertainties of this moral life. Now in no other way can a father effect this except by the ownership of profitable property, which he can transmit to his children by inheritance. A family, no less than the State, is, as we have said, a true society, governed by a power within itself, that is to say, by the father. Wherefore, provided the limits be not transgressed which are prescribed by the very purpose for which it exists, the family hus, at least, equal rights with the State in the choice and pursuit of those things which are needful to its preservation and its just liberty.

We say, at least equal rights; for since the domestic household is anterior both in idea and in fact to the gathering of men into a commonwealth, the former must necessarily have rights and duties which are prior to those of the latter, and which rest more immediately on nature. If the citizens of a state—that is to say, the Families—on entering into association and fellowship, experienced at the hands of the State hindrance instead of help, and found their rights attacked instead of being protected, such association were rather to be repudiated than sought after.

The idea, then, that the civil government should, at its own discretion, penetrate and pervade the family and the household, is a great and pernicious mistake. True, if a family finds itself in great difficulty, acterly friendless, and without prospect of help, it is right that extreme necessity be met by public aid; for each family is a part of the commonwealth. In like mann, if within the walls of the household there occur grave disturbance of mutual rights, the public power must interfere to force each party to give the other what is due; for this is not to rob citizens of their rights, but justly and properly to safeguard and strengthen them. But the rulers of the State must no no further: nature bids them stop hero. Paternal authority can neither be abolished by the State, nor absorbed; for it has the same source as human life itself; "The child belongs to the father," and is, as it were, the continuation of the father's personality; and, to speak with strictness, the child takes its place in civil society not in its own right, but in its quality as a member of the family in which it is begotten. And it is for the very reason that "the child belongs to the father" that, as St. Thomas of Aquin says, "before it attains the use of free-will, it is in the power and care of its parents." The Socialists, therefore, in setting aside the parent and introducing the providence of the State, act against natural justice, and threaten the very existence of family life.

And such interference is not only unjust, but is quite certain to harass and disturb all classes of citizens, and to subject them to odious and intolerable slavery. It would open the door to envy, to evil speaking, and to quarrelling; the sources of wealth would themselves run dry, for no one would have any interest in exerting his talents or his industry; and that ideal equality of which so much is said would, in reality, be the levelling down of

all to the same condition of misery and dishonor.

Thus it is clear that the main tenet of Socialism, the community of goods, must be utterly rejected; for it would injure those whom it is intended to benefit, it would be contrary to the natural rights of mankind, and it would introduce confusion and disorder into the commonwealth. Our first and most fundamental principle, therefore, when we undertake to alloviate the condition of the masses, must be the inviolability of private property. This laid down. We go on to show where We must find

the remedy that we seek.

We approach the subject with confidence, and in the exercise of the rights which belong to Us. For no practical solution of this question will ever be found without the assistance of Religion and of the Church. It is We who are the chief guardian of Religion, and the chief dispenser of what belongs to the Church, and We must not by silence neglect the duty which lies upon Us. Doubtless this most serious question demands the attention and the efforts of others besides Ourselves-of the rulers of States, of employers of labor, of the wealthy, and of the working population themselves for whom We plead. But We affirm without hesitation, that all the striving of men will be vain if they leave out the Church. It is the Church that proclaims from the Gospel those teachings by which the conflict can be put an end to, or at least made far less bitter; the Church uses its efforts not only to enlighten the mind, but to direct by its precepts the life and conduct of men; the Church improves and ameliorates the condition of the working man by numerous useful organizations; does its best to enlist the services of all ranks in discussing and endeavoring to meet, in the most practical way, the claims of the working classes; and acts on the decided view that for these purposes recourse should be had, in due measure and degree, to the help of the law and of State authority.

Let it be laid down, in the first place, that humanity must It is impossible to reduce human society to a remain as it is. level. The Socialists may do their utmost, but all striving against nature is vain. There naturally exist among mankind innumerable differences of themost important kind; people differ in capability, in diligence, in health, and in strength; and unequal fortune is a necessary result of inequality in condition. Such inequality is far from being disadvantageous either to individuals or the community; social and public life can only go on by the help of various kinds of capacity and the playing of many parts, and each man, as a rule, chooses the part which peculiarly suits his case. As regards bodily labor, even had man never fallen from the state of innocence, he would not have been wholly unoccupied; but that which would then have been his free choice and his delight, became afterwards compulsory, and the painful expiation of his sin. Cursed be the earth in thy work; in thy labor thou shalt eat of it all the days of thy life. In like manner, the other pains and hardships of live will have no end or cessation on this earth; for the consequences of sin are bitter and hard to bear, and they must be with man as long as life lasts. To suffer and to endure, therefore, is the lot of humanity; let men try as they may, no strength and no artifice will ever succeed in banishing from human life the ills and troubles which beset it. If any there are who pretend differently—who hold out to a hard-pressed people freedom from pain and trouble, undisturbed repose, and constant enjoyment—they cheat the people and impose upon them, and their lying promises will only make the evil worse than before. There is nothing more useful taan to look at the world as it really is—and at the same time to look elsewhere for a remedy to its troubles.

The great mistake that is made in the matter now under consideration, is to possess oneself of the idea that class is naturally hostile to class; that rich and poor are intended by naturo to live at war with one another. So irrational and so false is this view, that the exact contrary is the truth. Just as the symmetry of the human body is the result of the disposition of the members of the body, so in a State it i., ordained by nature that these two classes should exist in harmony and agreement, and should, as it were, fit into one another, so as to maintain the equilibrium of the body politic. Each requires the other; capital cannot do without labor, nor labor without capital. Mutual agreements results in pleasantness and good order; perpetual conflict necessarily produces confusion and outrage-Now, in preventing such strife as this, and in making it im possible, the efficacy of Christianity is marvellous and manifold. Frst of all, there is nothing more powerful than Religion (of which the Church is the interpreter and guardian) in drawing rich and poor together, by reminding each class of its duties to the other, and especially of the duties of justice. Thus Religion teaches the laboring man and the workman to carry out honestly and well all equitable agreements freely made; never to injure capital, nor to outrage the person of an employer; never to employ violence in representing his own cause, nor to engage in riot and disorder; and to have nothing to do with men of evil principles, who work upon the people with artful promises, and raise foolish hopes which usually end in disaster and in repentance when too late. Religion teaches the rich man and the employer that their work-people are not their slaves; that they must respect in every man his dignity as a man and as a Christian; that labour is nothing to be ashamed of, if we listen to right reason and to Christian philosophy, but is an honourable employment, enabling a man to sustain his life in an upright and creditable way; and that it is shameful and inhuman to treat men like chattels to make money by, or to look upon them merely as so much muscle or physical power. Thus, again, Religion teaches that, as among the workmen's concerns are Religion herself and things spiritual and mental, the employer is bound to see that he has time for the duties of piety; that he be not exposed to corrupting influences and dangerous occasions; and that he be not led away to neglect his home and family or to squander his wages. Then, again, the employer must never tax his work-people beyond their strength, nor employ them in work unsuited to their sex or age. His great and principal obligation is to give to every one that which is just Doubtless before we can decide whether wages are adequate, many things have to be considered; but rich men and masters should remember this—that to exercise pressure for the sake of gain, upon the indigent and the destitute, and to make one's profit out of the need of another, is condemned by all laws, human and divine. To defraud any one of wages that are his due is a crime which cries to the avenging anger of heaven. Behald, the hire of the labourers . . . which by fraud hath been kept back by you, crieth; and the cry of them hath entered into the cars of the Lord of Sabaoth. Finally, the rich must religiously re-frain from cutting down the workmen's carnings, either by force, by fraud, or by usurious dealing; and with the more reason because the poor man is weak and unprotected, and because his slender means should be sacred in proportion to their scantiness.

Were these precepts carefully obeyed and followed, would not strife die out and cease?

But the Church, with Jesus Christ for its Master and Guide, aims higher still. It lays down precepts yet more perfect, and tries to bind class to class in friendliness and good understanding. The things of this earth cannot be understood or valued rightly without taking into consideration the life to come, the life that will last forever. Exclude the idea of futurity, and the very notion of what is good and right would perish; nay, the whole system of the universe would become a dark and unfathomable mystery. The great truth which we learn from Nature herself is also the grand Christian dogma on which Religion rests as on its base—that when we have done with this present life then we shall really begin to live. God has not

created us for the perishable and transitory things of earth, but for things heavenly and everlasting; He has given us this world as a place of exile, and not as our true country. the other things which men call good and desirable-we may have them in abundance, or we may want them altogether; as far as eternal happiness is concerned, it is no matter; the only thing that is important is to use them aright. Jesus Christ, when He redeemed us with plentiful redemption, took not away the pains and sorrows which in such large proportion make up the texture of this mortal life; He transformed them into motives of virtue and occasions of merit; and no man can hope for eternal reward unless he follow in the blood-stained footprints of his Saviour. If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. His labours and His sufferings, accepted by His own free will, have marvellously sweetened all suffering and all labour. And not only by His example, but by His Grace and by the hope of everlasting recompense, He has made pain and grief more easy to endure; for that which is at present momentary and light of our tribulation, worketh for us above measure exceedingly

an eternal weight of glory.

Therefore, those whom fortune favours are warned that freedom from sorrow, and abundance of earthly riches, are no guarantee of the beatitude that shall never end, but rather the contrary; that the rich should tremble at the threatenings of Jesus Christ—threatenings so strange in the mouth of our Lord; and that a most strict account must be given to the Supreme Judge for all that we possess. The chiefest and most excellent rule for the right use of money is one which the heathen philosophers indicated, but which the Church has traced out clearly, and has not only made known to men's minds, but has impressed upon their lives. It rests on the principal that it is one thing to have a right to the possession of money, and another to have a right to use money as one pleases. Private ownership, as we have seen, is the natural right of man; and to exercise that right, especially as members of society, is not only lawful, but absolutely necessary. It is lawful, says St. Thomas of Aquin, for a man to hold private property; and it is also necessary for the carrying on of human life. But if the question be asked, How must one's possessions be used? the Church replies without hesitation in the words of the same holy Doctor: Man should not consider his outward possessions as his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without difficulty when others are in need. Whence the Apostle saith, Command the rich of the world to give with case, to communicate. True, no one is commanded to distribute to others that which is required for his own necessities and those of his household; nor even to give away what is reasonably required to keep up becomingly his condition in life; for no one ought to live unbecomingly. But when necessity has been supplied, and one's position fairly considered, it is a duty to give to the indigent out of that which is over. That which remaineth give alms. It is a duty, not of justice (except in extreme cases), but of Christian charity—a duty which is not enforced by human law. But the laws and judgments of men must give place to the laws and judgments of Christ, the true God; Who in many ways urges on his followers the practice of almsgiving—It is more blessed to give than to receive; and Who will count a kindness done or refused to the poor as done or refused to Himself—as long as ye did it to one of My least brethern, you did it to Me. Thus to sum up what has been said:—Whoever has received from the Divine bounty a large share of blessings, whether they be external and corporal, or gifts of the mind, has received them for the purpose of using them for the perfecting of his own nature, and, at the same time, that he may employ them, as the minister of God's Providence, for the benefit of others. He that hath a talent, says St. Gregory the Great, let him see that he hideth not; he that hath abundance, let him arouse himself to mercy and generosity; he that hath art and skill, let him do his best to share the use and the utility thereof with his ncighbour.

As for those who do not possess the gifts of fortune, they are taught by the Church that, in God's sight poverty is no disgrace, and that there is nothing to be a shamed of in seeking one's bread by labor. This is strengthened by what we see in Christ Himself, Who whereas He was rich, for our sake's became poor; and Who, being the Son of God, and God Himself, chose to reem and to be considered the son of a carpenter—nay, did not disdain to spend a great part of His life as a carpenter Himself. Is not this the carpenter, the Son of Mary? From the contemplation of this Divine example it is easy to understand that the true dignity and excellence of man lies in his moral qualities, that is, in virtue; that virtue is the common inheritance of all, equally

within the reach of high and low, rich and poor; and that virtue, and virtue alone, wherever found, will be followed by the rewards of everlasting happiness. Nay, God Himself seems to incline more to those who suffer evil; for Jesus Christ calls the poor blessed; He lovingly invites those in labor and grief to come to Him for solace; and He displays the tenderest charity to the lowly and the oppressed. These reflections cannot fail to keep down the pride of those who are well off, and to cheer the spirit of the afflicted; to incline the former to generosity and the latter to tranquil resignation. Thus the separation which pride would make tends to disappear, nor will it be difficult to make rich and poor join hands in friendly concord.

But, if Christian precepts prevail, the two classes will not only be united in the bonds of friendship, but also in those of brotherly love. For they will understand and feel that all men are the children of the common Father, that is, of God; that all have the same last end, which is God Himself, Who alone can make either men or angels absolutely and perfectly happy; that all and each are redeemed by Jesus Christ and raised to the dignity of children of God, and are thus united in brotherly ties both with each other and with Jesus Christ, the firstborn among many brethren; that the blessings of nature and the gifts of grace belong in common to the whole human race, and that to all, except to those who are unworthy, is promised the inheritance of the Kingdom of Heaven. If sons, heirs also; heirs indeed of God, and co-heirs of Christ.

To be Continued.

WANT OF UNITY IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

By Rev. J. Spencer Northcote, D.D., in "Fourfold Difficulties of Anglicanism."

IV.

I REJOICE in your candid acknowledgement of the fact of disunion in the English Church, and of its extent, that it is "a rent to the very foundation," though, at the same time, you plead that such disunion is not inherent in her essence, but only an accident, which proper ecclesiastical discipline would remove. Be this as it may; that you confess the fact is enough for my present purpose; for I am only concerned to prove that, from whatever cause, the Church of England has not the essential note of the true Church, Unity; and this you have fully admitted. And, before I examine the plea you have put forward, let me just entrent you to weigh well the extent of this admission. What is it to confess that a Church has not unity of doctrine, but to confess by implication that she has not the true faith, or at least that she has it not for the practical benefit of her children? For, supposing that one of the antagonist systems within her be the truth, and, even further, that her formularies sanction that system rather than the other, still, how are the simple and uneducated to know which it is, if they hear both alike taught by her accredited ministers? It is vain to refer such to the Prayer-book, telling them to judge for themselves whose teaching is most in accordance with what they found there; this is to require from them what they have not mental training sufficient to enable them to do, while it encour ages them also to place themselves in an attitude of mind, surely most undesirable, that of judges over their teachers. To the multitude, the teaching of the Church is, and always must be, the teaching of the individual clergy; if then, these are divided, how are the people to learn the truth?

Only meditate upon this, which you cannot but admit, and then determine whether, considering that the teaching of the faith is one main office of the Church, a body which does not teach any distinct creed can be of the true Church.

But—to turn to the examination of your plea—do you honestly believe that unity would be the result of improved ecclesiastical discipline in the English Church? Are you not too painfully conscious that that the administrators of that ecclesiastical discipline are not themselves of the same mind? Surely, while the rulers of the church themselves are thus disagreed, an augmentation of their power (which I suppose is involved in your idea of improved discipline) would only tend to aggravate the evil. Fer, what would it be but simply a hardship, if the bishops were enabled by such augmented power to silence their dissentient clergy, unless, at the same time, their own opinions could be brought into harmony? Again, it is surely idle to seek for unity by strengthening the executive authority of the Church, until there are some means of ascertaining what her mind really is. Is there, at present, any one legitimate exponent of her doctrines recognized as such by all parties? If we quote the charges of the bishops as samples of her teaching, we are told that all these together will not make up the voice of the Church:—the decisions of a Convocation teckon for nothing:—the highest judge in an Ecclesiastical Court gives now a judgment seeming to tend in the Gatholic direction, now another swaying back into Protestantism; and in both instances

parties are found to deprecate such decision being in any way attributed to the Church. Nay, if the Queen, the supreme Governor of the Church herself, in concurrence with the Primate of all England, holds out the right hand of fellowship to heretical and schismatical bodies in the East, sending a bishop to Jerusalem, who fraternizes with Lutherans or Nestorians;—even this, we are told, is in no sense the act of the Church of England. Surely, the fact that so great changes must take place in the system of the English Church, before increase of discipline would give her unity, is an argument against your plea that her disunion is a mere accident; for that which it would require a remodelling of her whole constitution to rectify, must be something, at least, very intimately interwoven with her essence; and, indeed, the annals of the last three hundred years, that, is, of the whole torm of her separate existence, are enough to show that, if division be not inherent in her system, it is an "accident" altogether "inseparable" from it.

But, in truth, that the real cause of the mischief less deen in her

very essence is too manifest, whether we study the lustory of her origin, and the formation of her various symbols and offices, or her theory as stated in her own articles. There has been within her, from the very first, a contest between two irreconcilable principles, the Catholic and the Protestant; each of these has wrung from her what sanction it could; and utter inconsistency has been, of course, the result. Hence, she presents for the acceptance of her children Calvinistic Articles side by side with a Catholic Prayer book; and of the two parties who have always been struggling to obtain the exclusive mastery with her, one has uniformly taken the Prayer-book, the other the Articles, as the key-note in their respective attempts to harmonize the conflicting portions of her formularies. The portions of her formularies are conflicting, each being taken in its obvious sense, none, I believe, attempt to deny; and many, who desire nothing more than to submit in unquestioning obedience to the teaching of their Church, feel the inconsistency very painfully. For instance, the Catechism teaches that "The Body and Blood of Christ are verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.' These words are plain and not anti-Catholic; but how can they be reconciled with the declaration at the end of the Communion Service, which, apologizing for the practice of kneeling at the Sacrament, says that thereby no adoration is intended, for that "the natural Body and Blood of Ch.ist are in heaven, and not here" in the consecrated elements? I have myself known young persons, who have been taught to understand the Catechism in its obvious meaning, greatly problems of the state perplexed by this declaration, not knowing which of the two to receive, but feeling it quite impossible to receive both. Again, the 21st Article teaches distinctly enough, that "General Councils may err. and sometimes have erred, even in things pertaining unto God;" and yet, by the laws of the English Church, not only is that to be adjudged for heresy which "hath been so adjudged by the authority of the Canonical Scriptures," but also, "by the first four General Councils." Again, in the preface to the Ordination Services, we are told that "from the Apostles' times there have been three orders of ministars in Christ's Church; "but, in the Articles, the definition of a Church seems to have been purposely framed so generally as to include all the Reformed Churches of the continent, without any reference to an apos olic succession of bishops, or to the existence of these three orders as essential. The same may be said of the ambiguous language in the 23rd Article, and the apologetic tone of the 36th, on the same subject. So nothing can exceed the definiteness of the doctrine contained in the Baptismal Offices and in the Catechism on the subject of Baptism, yet those who deny that doctrine, appeal, not without plaus billity, to the 27th Article, which, speaking of that Sacrament only "as a sign of regeneration, or new birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive it rightly are grafted into the Church, may seem to agree with the Evangelical party, who assign its efficacy rather to the virtue of prayer unto God, by which it is accompanied, than to its own sacramental power. And, if we turn from the authorized formularies of the Church of England to the writings of her standard divines, our perplexity is increased; it is true there are catenas of "Auglo-Catholic" Doctors, carefully drawn up, and exhibiting a tolerably consistent view of Christian doctrine, in an unbroken series from the Reformation to the present day; but there are equally perfect, beginning in some instances even with the very same names, and, at any rate, dating from the same era, of quite a contradictory character; and who is to decide which is the truest representative of the mind of the Anglican Church? for there is nothing to give a stamp of weight and authority to the one, which is wanting to the other. This is a very important consideration, and too notorious to be called in question; indeed, it is acknowledged by yourselves. "It would be easy," say the editors of a series of "Tracts of the Anglican Fathers," "for disputants of all varieties of opinion within the pulce of the Establishment to find executors in lates and it. within the pale of the Establishment, to find ancestors in heterdoxy."
"Many heresies have been maintained, and many dangerous positions asserted, by divines in the Anglican communion." "Among the vast masses of the old divinity, almost every shade of error will find its advente, and the natural effect when the minds of these who examine advocate, and the natural effect upon the minds of those who examine but superficially, will be a despair of tracing anything like unity in our Church writers."

Such, then, is the fact. The Church of England has been, from the very beginning of her existence, disunited, as she is at present; and it seems to me that if you look into her own statement of her position and claims, you will be compelled to acknowledge that nothing but such incongruity in practice could result from a theory so contradictory and self-destroying. Look, for instance, at her assertion, that "the Church has authority in controversies of faith;" and then at the limitation, which immediately neutralizes this assertion. " And yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain anything that is contrary to God's word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture that it be repugnant to another." And again, "the Church, besides Scripture, ought not to enforc anything to be believed for necessity of salvation." Now, it seems to me, the assertion of "authority in controversies of faith," and these consequent limitation taken to methor anything the last receive themselves into this dilemment if the gether, must at last resolve themselves into this dilemma: If the assertion means anything, the limitations mean nothing; if, on the other hand, the limitations have a meaning, then the assertion has none. To explain myzelf; the declaration that the Church may not ordain anything contrary to Scripture, nor expound Scripture so as to make it repugnant to itself, necessarily supposes the existence of some party wherein resides the power cf determining whether or not she does the things thus prohibited; or, in other words of being her judge. If this be so, it is manifestly the said party, and not the Church herself, which has really authoritiy in controversies of faith. And, who is this supreme judge? It cannot be Scripture itself, as some say, for Scripture is the law to be expounded; neither can it be Catholic autiquity, as others pretend, for that is also a mere written document. In fact, this tribunal of last resort, at whose bar the Church is tried, can be none other than the private judgment of each individual. This is, as we know, the recognized Protestant principle, and perfectly intelligible; but then, what becomes of the Church's authority? According to this theory, her children receive her teaching, not because it is hers, but because it accords with their view of what is taught in Scripture; if it did not seem to them so to accord, they would be bound to reject it, and she has no right to blame them 'or so doing; for if they plead, as many do plead, that they consider her teaching, on this or that point, to be contrary to Scripture, or even "besides" it, she has, according to the hypothesis, nothing to reply; for her children are her legitimate judges, and from them is no appeal. If it be said that the Church herself is the sole judge in her own cause, then the limitations we have quoted seem to me to be without meaning; for no Ghurch, however corrupt, would confess of herself that her decisions were contrary to God's written word. In fine, if assertion and limitation are both to stand, I do not see how they can be construed into anything but this: that the Church rests her claim to authority on the right interpretation of the Word, and then puts forward her authority as the guarantee that her interpretation is right.

But further, is not the very fundamental principle of the Church of England's position itself a suicidal one? Her existence, as a separate body, can only be vindicated by the assertion, that the churches from which she has separated herself have corrupted the truth; and thus she distinctly declares, in one of her articles, that the Churches of

Jerusalem, Alexandria, Antioch and Rome have erred, and that "not only in their living and manner of ceremomes, but also in matters of faith." Now this, of course, establishes the principle that national churches may err in matters of faith; and therefore the question may well suggest itself to an English churchman, "if a national Church may err, how can I be confident that my own church, standing as it does alone, protesting against all the other churches of Christendom, has a special immunity from thus erring?" and, surely, if there be no such special immunity, it would be more probable (on a nrima facie view, that the one Church of England should be in error, than the several churches of Italy, Spain. Austria, France, and others, mited as they sre in one faith and one communion.

I am full convinced, then, and would fam convince you, that the disunion you bewail in the Church of England is inheron in her very essence, as it has been her distinguishing mark from the beginning. You know that she has never presented a consistent front, except in her opposition to the doctrines of the Church of Rome; and even this negative unity, this agreement in disagraement, she is now fast losing It has been with her as with the Donatists of old: Sicut Christum dividere conata est, sie ipsa a suis quotidiana concisione dividitur.'

THE Chantrey Bequest Trustees have bought for the British nation Mr. Calderon's picture of St. Elizabeth. It will go to the South Kensington Museum, where the expense of housing a picture utterly distasetfull to them will fall, in their proportion to the population, upon Catholics. Hundreds of thousands of our fellow-countrytion, upon Catholics. Hundreds of thousands of our renow-country-men will pass those galleries; and even the idlest gaper will have his eye caught by the figure of a woman kneeling in nudity before an altar, with a monk standing behind. The materials are dramati-cally sensational; and the painting is as realistic as the situation is mere romance. Of the technical merits of the canvas it is not our purpose here to speak. The Trustees of the Chantrey Bequest have a thankless office to perform in some respects; and they have brought together in their collection pictures good and had. But we do say that, in cases of this sort, even had the workmanship been of admitted merit, the the subject might relevantly be taken into account by the purchasers. However finely painted, a picture of Queen Victoria making a guy of herself, or the Princess of Wales in some posture of indignity, would not have been considered a suitable object of their choice. Why, then, should a Saint, with a name very dear to Catholics, and a church and hospital dedicated to her in this London of ours, be represented in an equirocal situation she never assumed? Catholics might perhaps afford to smile at a perversion of history so patent and so ludicrous; but the humiliation is that this sort of thing will pass for custom among Protestants. "This is what priests will do when our wives and daughters become Catholics" —such was the comment of one gentleman as he passed the picture on the day of the Private View. Mr. Calderon—quite innocently we are ready to believe—concentrates on canyas the animus which Kingsley scattered through so many pages of fiction. The picture appeals to a yet larger and more easily misled public than does the novel or poem. It tells its tale to every casual passer by, and it tells it with the sanction and the ratification almost of the State.—Ex.

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That associations such as this are necessary is palpable to all. The following extract from the Liverpool Catholic Times show how assiduare the efforts which the Catholic Truth So-ously those who differ from us cultivate them. ciety has been founded to counteract.—Com. Fas est ab hoste doceri: "It is quite right to take a lesson from the enemy," and it is well to note the work they are performing. find in our evergreen contemporary the Rock a record of the operations of the Religious Tract Society last year, and from this it is evident that the organization is well supplied with "the sinews of war." The report says: "The total circulation from the home depot, including books, tracts, periodicals, counted in numbers, cards, and miscellaneous issues, has reached 58,242,100, of which 23,526,700 are tracts. The issues from foreign depots may be safely stated at 15,000,000, making a total circulation of 73,242,100, and of 2,830,763,810 since the formation of the society. The total amount received from sales, missionary receipts, investments realised, and all other sources, with the previous year's balance added (£2,919 1s. 5d.), was £201,119 5s. 5d., while the total expenditure in both trade and grant departments has been £199,444 14s. 10d., leaving a balance in favor of the society of £1,674 10s. 7d. The amount received from subscriptions and other contributions was £24,949 8s., the whole of this sum being avail-

Gifts of Catholic Literature for free distri- able for the missionary objects of the society. The missionary expenditure has amounted to £39,512 14s. 3d." This report should be an effective stimulant to every Catholic. It shows how gigantic and how magnificently supported

C. M. B. A. News.

At last meeting of Branch No. 54, C.M.B.A. the following resolution of condolence was passed.

Moved by Bro. Wilfred Mathieu and 2nd ice President Egan and seconded by Chancellor Ford and Marshal McDonnel.

That resolutions of condolence be drawn up and presented to the wife and family of our late 1st Vice President Terence Butler and that a copy be sent to the C.M.B.A. Journal of Montreal the Catholic Record of London, and Carnotte Review Foronto, and spre don't be minutes of the metapor des that our short

of London, and Catholic Review Foronto, and spire d on the minutes of this inteting also that our charter be draped in mourning for the space of 60 days.

That whereas it has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved Bro. Terence Butler late 1st Vice President of this Branch.

Resolved that while bowing to the Divine Will the members of this Branch tender their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the wife and family of deceased in the sad bercavement which Divine Providence has seen fit to inflict on them.

Fraternally Yours,

James McDevitt.

JAMES McDEVITT, Secretary.

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TORONTO, SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1891.

His Grace the Archbishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's church after High Mass on Sunday next, June 21st, and on the following Sunday will hold confirmation services at Fort Erie, from whence he will proceed to Niagara-on-the-Lake on the following Monday evening, and confirm the children there on Tuesday, June 30th, in St. Vincent de Paul church.

The congratulations of the Review are extended to Messrs. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., of Montreal, and D. A. O'Sullivan, M.A., Q.C., of Toronto, upon the receipt by them of the title of Doctor of Laws, conferred by Ottawa University on Tuesday evening last. None more deserving, or more worthy of the title could be found than the gentlemen named, they, in different ways, having rendered incalculable service to the cause of Catholicity in most trying times. As a writer, Dr. O'Sullivan, on Canadian Church History, etc., has few peers, whilst Dr. Gurran's services, on the floor of the House of Parliament, and on the lecture platform have caused his name to be a household word. The other gentlemen who received the title on this occasion were Maurice Francis Egan, of Notre Dame University, Ind., and Profs. Rev. A. Nolin, O.M.I., and Henri Glassmacher, Ottawa University. The name of Maurice Francis Egan is known to every Catholic reader. As a contributor to the Arc Maria-one of the best Catholic Magazines published his articles have been extensively copied, and given a world-wide circulation. Professors, the Rev. A. Nolin, O.M.I., and Henri Glassmacher, are on the staff of Ottawa University and well known Catholic Educationalists.

We would beg to draw the attention of our readers to the letter of Rev. Father Harold which appears in another column of this issue, regarding the preservation of the old Instorical church of St. Vincent de Paul, Niagara. The method which he has taken to proceer the necessary fands to repair the church and pay off existing debts, is to be highly commended, inasmuch as, whilst subscribing one dollar for that purpose, the contributor has the infinite blessing of having one Mass every month for a year said for his intention, and also is given the Catholic historical romance, "Irene of Corinth." Of this book His Grace the Archbishop has written the following endorsement:

ST. MICHAEL'S PALACE.

Toronto, June 2, 1891.

DEAR FATHER HAROLD -I cordially endorse the favourable judgment passed on your work, "Irene of Corinth," by several Catholic scholars and reviewers. This delightful book shows a vast amount of erudition and of careful, diligent study of the historic period of which it treats, and is creditable alike to your talents and scholarship. Its perusal is calculated to refine, elevate and instruct. I earnestly recommend its sale for its own intrinsic merit, and especially in view of the fact

that you intend to apply the proceeds of its sale to the much-needed . renovation of the church at Niagara.

> I am, yours sincerely in Xt, 1 JOHN WALSH

> > Archbishop of Toronto.

In the Toronto City Council there is, this year, three Catholic Aldermen, all representative men; the interest of our institutions thus being better looked after and provided for than has been the case for some time past. During the recent apportionment of grants to the various charitable inctitutions of the city this was forcibly demonstrated in the case of two Catholic Institutions, one of which, the Order of the Good Shepherd, through lack of knowledge by the corporation of their work-not having received anything at all commensurate to their labors, in proportion to the grants which other institutions, of like nature and obtained. The Sisters of this Order a cloistered community) - devote all their time and energies to the reclamation of fallen women, and have no other source of revenue than that which is derived from the werk performed by inmates of the convent an I from charitable donations, -previously received but the small sum of \$100 from the city. By the active exertions of Ald. Wm. Burns on their behalf, an additional \$400 was received, making a total civic grant to them of \$500. The House of Providence, also, through the same gentleman's efforts, receiving an extra sum of \$1,500, in addition to their previous grants. The good results thus obtained by our representatives becomes more noticeable when it is borne in mind that the estimates this year received a more careful pruning than in any previous year, and reduction in civic expenditure was the popular cry.

The Council performed, in connection with these two institutions, another graceful act for which they merit thanks, when they payed over to them the full amount of these grants some two weeks since, although payment thereof was not due until receipt of first portion of civic taxes in July next.

Cases such as these go to show that it is of the utmost importance that we continue to have representatives at the Council Board to look after the interests of Catholic institutions, which, when presented, as the recent grants prove, will receive fair treatment at the hands of the Corporation. _____

HARD FOR CATHOLICS.

At the Niagara Conference held a few days ago, Rev. Dr. Douglas ot Montreal, entered a strong protest against the choosing of Sir John Thompson as Premier, on the ground of his having deserted Methodism, to join the Catholic Church.

Protestants, generally excuse themselves for excluding Catholics from positions of honor and emolument, on the ground that Catholics have no men fit for such positions. When, however, it happens that the suitable man is a Catholic, Protestants make no secret of their hostility, and tell us plainly, that his religion should disqualify him for office. If then a Catholic is not competent for the position he is justly excluded; if he is competent he is a. . excluded. How can we suit these people? Of course with the average Protestant parson Catholics should have no pretensions whatsoever, should aspire to nothing, and be thankful, we will not say for small favors, but for a modicum of justice. If Protestants hold any j.rinciple at all, it is the loud boasted, often repeated one, of private judgment and liberty of thought. If Sir John Thompson has thought fit to use all that is implied in this principle, and that the use of it has landed him in the Catholic Church, why should they complain? They should disavow the principle as many of them do, or else be consistent in its application. We are told that the announcement from Dr. Donglas, was loudly and enthusiastically applauded by the members of the Conference.

These gentlemen have given an exhibition of intolerance, though by no means unusual in that fraternity, yet so much at variance with their pretentions of liberality, that it ought to strike thinking people as very strange. It may have been some such exhibition of fanaticism, that disgusted a fair minded, intelligent man, such as Sir John Thompson decidedly is, and first led him to examine the claims of the Catholic Church to his allegiance. We find that many of our most distinguished converts derived their first lessons of the real genius of Protestantism—from the unchristian projudice, hatred, and false testimony of the Parsons against the doctrines and members of the Catholic Church. By such tactics the parsons often overshoot the mark, and land their hearers, as the case may be, in the bosom of the true Church of Christ, or else in rank infidelity and agnosticism. They ask themselves, if our parsons are conscious of having the truth, what need of such tactics. "Non talibus auxilis."

No one will suspect that in entering the Catholic Church he was actuated by mercenary motives. People do not enter her pale to better their temporal condition, and Sir John realized then, as he is made to feel now, the sacrifice he was making.

It will now be in order for the gentlemen of that Conference, there men so malevolent, so busy and zealous in their aggressions against us, to deliver in their respective districts, lectures on equal rights, and to represent, in all their harrowing details, the aggressions of Romanism.

Catholics, it is admitted, make no such discrimination as this in their political intercourse with Protestants. Whence, then, comes this narrow, ungenerous spirit which operates so widely and so unweariedly in the Protestant community? What a melancholy comment, the conduct of these parsons forms of the treatment of Catholics in this country! Where are the tender hearts, the kind feelings, the upright understanding, the leve 'fair play, and the indignation at the oppressor when we Catholics are concerned? These gentlemen no doubt applicant themselves on their sagacity in seeing evidences in the death of Sir John Macdonald, and the probable succession of Sir John Thompson, of a popish pilot, for the ruin and extermination of the poor persecuted Protestants.

Lex

DECAY OF FAITH IN THE PROTESTANTISM OF TO-DAY.

We seem to be fast approaching those dangerous times, foretold by the Apostle Paul, "When men shall be lovers of themselves,—having an appearance, indeed, of godliness, but denying the power thereof,—ever learning, and never attaining to the knowledge of truth, when some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to spirits of error and doctrines of devils, speaking lies in hypocrisy, and having their conscience seared."

The daily reports of the newspapers produce sad evidence, that faith in the teachings of Christianity is fast disappearing in the Protestant denominations around us. What is most to be regretted is, that this want of faith, in God and His divine revelation, is not confined to individuals, but has leavened the whole mass of Protestantism.

Dr. Workman, of the Methodist Church in Canada, has denied that the prophecies of the Old Testament foretold the coming of Jesus Christ, yet his ministerial standing has not been disturbed, and he still retains a professorship in Victoria University. Dr. Bridgman of the Baptist denomination has denied the eternity of future punishment. He has had to leave his pastorate, but has been welcomed to a more lucrative place in another church. Dr. Briggs, of the Presbyterian Church has denied the inspiration, or rather the veracity, of the Holy Scriptures. His appointment to the chair of Hebrew Scripture in the Union Theological Seminary of that denomination has, indeed, been vetoed by the Presbyterian Assembly at Detroit. He has not been otherwise censured, while he is upheld in his teaching by the professors of the Seminary. Dr. Heber Newton, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, is called to answer the charge of heresy, but is left undisturbed to preach it. These are not lesser lights in their several denominations. They are all D.D.'s, tearned Doctors of Divinity.

Of all these the one, who has carried the Reformation principle of private judgment the farthest, is the Rev. Heber Newton, D.D. If we take his sermon preached in All Saints Church, New York, in explanation and vindication of his theological opinions, as an example of the doctrines taught, in what purport to be Christian pulpits, we are lost in amazement at the extreme length some ministers have gone in their denia! of revealed truth. There seems to be no Christianity left among them. They merely continue to use Christian terms and phrases, which have for them no longer a Christian meaning. What their hearers want, and what they get, is not the doctrinal truths of Christianity, but sensational essays on current topics, with a little of

Tyndal and Huxley and a sprinking of downright infidelity. Such indeed is the sermon of Rev. Dr. Newton. He poses as a man of large ideas and broad sympathies. He would have his church no pent up Utica. It must embrace the whole world. Instead of gathering the sheep into the fold as a good shepherd, he builds the fold around them, so that no matter whitner they stray, or what poisonous pastures they feed upon, they will always remain within the fold.

He begins his sermon by saying: "I purpose to speak of the Nicene Creed, as the charter of the Church's liberty, securing to it, when rightly understood the conditions of comprehensiveness." Of course only Dr. Newton, himself, rightly understands the Nicene Creed. The fathers of the Council, which decreed it of faith, did not understand its comprehensiveness. Nor did even Arius, the arch heretic, whom it condemned. How does the learned Doctor understand it? He says: "The philosophy of the Nicene Creed is a formula of theistic evolution, a moral and spiritual interpretation of the conception which science yields as." "The Nicene Creed affirms all the truths of religion in all lands and ages." In other words Dr. Newton means that all religions are true, even Fetishism, the lowest kind of idolatry. This seems extraordinary. So it must to any one, who has not the transcendant qualities of the crudite Doctor. How then are we to receive this Nicene Creed? Are all obliged to believe the doctrmes it teaches? Not at all. Bless your innocent hearts! It is not to be believed, it is to be sung, for says the Dr., if it were " read literally it would be a very prosaic dogma and conflict with science" The Nicene Creed is poetry, a poetic philosophy, and therefore only to be sung. He says "the only affirmation in the Nicene Creed is the large and elastic declaration . 1 believe in on: Catholic and Apostolic Church.'" It the Nicene Creed were for him a standard or test, he would acknowledge that Church, and accept her teaching as infallible. But no ! that is not Dr. Newton's idea of accepting the teaching of the Church. Here are his words :- "To accept loyally as the Church's teaching, what one's own individual mind fails to affirm, is a thorough honest attitude." No doubt this has been the Rev. Dr.'s attitude all along, for he considers himself an honest man. The oldfashioned name for such an attitude is hypocrisy.

Dr. Newton does not even expect all in his own church to accept his " large and elastic interpretation " though he does not despair of them, for "a vast emancipation is all this, into the consciousness of which, many in our own Church have not yet entered, failing thus to know not only the liberty, wherewith Christ has made us free, but the liberty wherewith the Church has made us free." The man who speaks thus claims to be a Christian. How different is the teaching of Christ? "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The true Church, by teaching all truth as committed to her, does indeed make us free-free from the bondage of error. Dr. Newton's idea of freedom is different. With him the yoke of error is liberty and the knowledge of truth bondage. Freedom for him is that license which acknowledges no truth to be believed and no authority to be obeyed. Dr. Newton's creed is certainly not the Nicene. His begins with the large and clastic assertion I do not believe. He calls his religion a philosophy. He does not tell us the nature of it. It is certainly not Christian, for Christ has no place in it. It belongs to no particular school, nor is it celectic, for he has not selected the various truths of different philosophers and united them into a system. Rather, he has gathered all the errors of all ages and all lands, and given them a place in his religion. Dr. Newton is, if anything, a pantheist. His creed "conceives of creation vs an evolution. It grew out of that ancient conception of creatior as an emancipation from Divine Being, which is only the counterpart of one scientific conception of creation, as a development from protoplasm, the descent through an indefinite chain of existences from the Divine Being, and the ascent up and back to God." In other words the protoplasm is God, and God is the universe. He would make the world infidel and call it Christian. This is the Rev. Dr.'s great creedlarger and more clastic than the Nicene. "Venerable indeed," says he, " is the Nicene Creed, no product of one reformation era, but a treasure which the church has held through the centuries. Far more venerable, however, is our great creed. Our great creed is a reconciliation of Christianity with the historic religions of the past. Our great creed is the reconciliation of Christianity with itself. Our great creed is the reconciliation of Christian faith and modern thought, of

theology and science. Our great creed is the conciliation of Christimity with all the forms of religion in the world to-day. Our great creed is the conciliation of the faith of to-day with the truth of the futt -e." Thus would be unite all religion and irreligion, Christian faith and pagan idolatry, in his great pantheistic creed, which makes everything God, equalizes truth and error, and makes no distinction between virtue and sm. Here we have a man who calls himself a minister of what has been considered the most conservative of the Protestant sects, who, claiming for himself the liberty of private judgment which the Reformation gave him, and logically following that principle, is landed in Pantheism.

Dr. Newton has a peculiar way of putting an end to controversy. He would admit both parties right, thus destroy truth and settle all disputes. He is speaking to Protestants, and with such a creed applying their common principle of private judgment, he allows no truth, however sucred and dear to them to be respected. The Bible is for him no more than the Koran or the Zend Avesta; the fall of our first parents a myth; hell old-fashioned; the Redemption an allegory; " the Trinity and Incarnation spiritual truths philosophically stated." -not mysteries, not supernatural truths, but mere mental abstractions having no reality. For him there is no Son of God, and Jesus is a mere man such as the French infidel Renan describes. To such infidelity does the Protestant principal of private judgment lead, when carried to its logical conclusion, for it places reason above the revelation of God. The men, who left the one true Church in the sixteenth century had no conception of the fearful consequences to which their false principles would lead. They retained certain doctrines, but

forgot that others would claim the same right to judge individually even what they retained, and while retaining some would dony others, until in the coarse of time all should be denied or explained away, as we have seen done in our own days. As Dr. Newton says " He who reads the signs of the times sees clearly two alternatives before our American Protestantism, the throwing overboard of its creeds or their simplification." "Could our Protestant churches to-day be content to part with their reformation confessions of faith and fall back upon that great Catholic creed, which has come down through the centuries . . . there would be an end of strife and contention." If they did this, not in the manner in which Dr. Newton proposes, but in the spirit of the Fathers who formulated that creed, they would confess the one holy Catholic Apostolic Church the true Church of Christ, existing for all men and all time, never failing in the teaching of divine truth. Their faith then would not depend on the fallible private judgment of men, but on the veracity of God Himself. For there can be no true guide to the knowledge of God and His revelation other than that appointed by God Himself, His Church. To her did He say "As the Father hath sent Me so do I send you. He that heareth you heareth Me." Men who are earnest for their soul's salvation must soon see now fast Protestantism is falling away from all belief in the Bible, so long cherished by it as the sole rule of faith and morals-and even from all belief in God. We Catholics who take our Faith from the living infallible teacher whom Christ sent to convert the world, and with whom He promised to remain always, until the consumnation of the world, have the word of God to rely on, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. D. J. C.

Catholic Aelus

.The Annual Commencement Exercises of St. Michael's College will be held on Tuesday and address. next. at 9.30 am.

..At St. Basil's church at High Mass on Sunday last, the feast day of St. Basil, the patron saint of the Basilican community, was observed with fitting ceremonies. The church was beautifully decorated, and the singing under Father Challandard's directions, was all that could be desired. His Grace the Archbishop preached an elequent sermon, taking his text from the gospel of the day. Grand musical Vespers were sung in the evening.

... The Annual Commencement exercises of the various institutions conducted by the Ladies of Laretto are as follows. Loretto Academy, Bond St., on Tuesday June 22nd at 10 a.m., and St. Aloysius Boy's School on Jone 24th at same institution. The Abbey will hold at same institution. The Abbey will hold playing several airs in honour of His Lordship, theirs on the 24th inst. at 4 o'clock, and the The Bishop came out and made a very next Convent at Nigram Falls on the 25th inst. Convent at Nizgara Falls on the 25th inst.

St. VINCENT DE PAULS CHUECH. NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONT.

Charitable reader.

In order to preserve our historical Church—the oldest on the frontier—from falling to ruin. thorough repairs are necessary. Being heavily in debt, our people cannot, unaided, do all that is required.

Through want of employment at home the Catholic ranks have been thinned, till only forty families remain : hence our confident appeal to your Catholic heart to help us.

Instead of organizing a bazzar with its (to some i dubious features and possible prizes, we shall send to every one who forwards us one dellar, a copy of the Catholic historic romance. "Irene of Corinth."

In this way a two fold good will be accomplished; the restoration of God's house, and the spread of Catholic literature.

The book alone is worth the meney in a Catholic household.

I promise to say for the intention of all contributers one mass every month for a year.

Enlist your friends in this good work; and to extend to you a hearty welcome on this, the to help us out of the abundance of their charity. parish.

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REV. P. J. HAROLD, P. P. NIAGARA ON-THE-LAKE, ONT. CANADA.

HAMILTON.

...Rev. Father O'Reilly was agreeably taken by surprise on Saturday night last when his Binbrook congregation presented him with a very fine horse as a token of their esteem for We wish him many a pleasant their pastor. drive.

.The Right Rev. J. T. Dowling. Bishop of the Hamilton diocese, paid Cale-donia a visit on Saturday last. The band availed themselves of this opportunity of showing their good will by taking up their position in front of Father O'Reilly's residence and speech, complimenting the band on their appearance and showing in a practical way his appreciation of the honour they were conferring upon him by making them a handsome donation.

on Sunday morning with a large congregation, who had come to see the Right Rev. T. J. Dowling. Bishop of Hamilton, administer the sacrament of confirmation to over 50 person. As those who were to be confirmed marched into the church in double file they presented a very pleasing spectacle. Fach carried a small taper, which, along with the snow-white dresses of the young ladies and the beautiful chaplets of flowers which they were, combined to make the future prosperity of our people, that they a beautiful procession. Mass was celebrated may ever be true, faithful servante of Chains by Father Halm of Hamilton, after which the members of St. Patrick's Church presented the Bishop with the following address of welcome, 22 being his first visit to them as Bishop:

To the Right Rev. Thomas Joseph Dowling Bishop ri Hamilton:

May it Please Your Lordship.-We, the people of the parish of Caledonia, are pleased

send us the names of any whom you think likely occasion of your first episcopal visit to our

Although being your first visit as Bishop of this diocese, we beg to assure you that you are not as a stranger among us. Not only have we frequently been pleased to read of your good work through the public press, but have on more than one occasion listened with pride to your beautiful discourses, even from our own pulpit. It was then that our interest in you was first awakened, and we can sincerely assure you that time has in no way weakened that feeling, but on the contrary has gradually strengthened it, until now when we are deeply gratified to regard you as our spiritual counsellor and guide.

We where delighted to learn of your elevation to the See of Peterboro, and overgoved when His Holiness was pleased to transfer you to the diocese of Hamilton.

It is with feelings of gratitude that we reflect on the occasion of your last visit, for then it was and by your able assistance that a sum was raised which formed the nucleus in the erection of our present pastoral residence.

Through the zealous efforts of our good pastor we have received the benefit of a recent mission, performed by the Rev. Father Countly, and we ... St. Patrick's Church was filled to the doors feel very grateful for the present condition of parisla.

We hope and pray that Your Lordship may be long spared to fill the exalted position to which you have been called, and we trust that you will accept our assurance that we. as children of the Church, will ever show filial obedience in whatever you may see fit to counsel or direct for our geod.

We ask the prayers of Your Lordship for may ever be true, faithful servants of Christ and the Church.

We are, my Lord and Bishop, on behalf of the congregation, Your Lordship's humble servants

Jame: Madigan, P. Fagan, Thos. Keating, J. Barrington, D. Kennedy, Wm. Higgins. Thos. Flynn, Alex. McDonald, Wm. McGann. His Lordship made a very happy reply to

were next questioned by the Bishop concernspeaker was listened to with rupt attention. His visit will long be remembered by the members of St. Patrick's church.

..At the Annual Commencement Exercises of Ottawa University on Tuesday evening last the title of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon the following gentlemen:

John J. Curran, I.L.D., Q.C., M.P., of Montreal.

Dennis Ambrose O'Sullivan, M.A., LL.D., Q.C., of Toronto.

Maurice Francis Egan, LL.D., Professor of English Literature in Notre Dame University, Indiana.

Rev. Alphonse Nolin, O.M.I., M.A., Professor of Ancient and of French Literature in the University of Ottawa.

Henri Glassmacher, M.A., Professor of English Literature in the University of Ottawa.

Rev. William Joseph Murphy, O.M.I., B.A., Professor of Mathematics in the University of Ottawa, and Rev. Terence Wade Smith, O.M. I., B.A., Professor of English in the University of Ottawa, were created Masters of Arts.

Having passed with success the recent ex-amination required, the following gentlemen

have received the degree of Bachelor of Arts: With great distinction-E. J. Joseph Landry, of Quebec, P.Q.; Cornelius C. Delaney, of Burlington, Vt.; Michael T. Fitzpatrick, of Norwood, Ont.; Jeremiah Moriarty, of Orillia; Francis French. of Ren-frew. With distinction—Patrick O'Brien, of Railton; Richard W. Ivers. of Springfield, Ont.; Patrick O'Rourke. of Trenton, Ont.

Bachelor in Literature-Duncan McDonald,

of Glensandfield, Ont.

In acknowledging the honor conferred upon him by the University of Ottawa, Mr. J. J. Curran, QC., M.P., said his first duty was to thank most sincerely the Chancellor and Senate of the University for the distinguished honour they had just conferred upon him -an honour which no one more than himself could realize ago received a brief note intimating that he was to say a few words. That intimation he acceded to with pleasure, and he would be a very poor lawyer, not to mention a Doctor of Laws, if he were to construe an invitation to say a few (Laughter and applause.) He was truly grateful that he was allowed to pass and no ques-As for the young gentlemen who do with his recovery. tions asked. had achieved their honours that evening, after days and nights of incessant toil, they had a right to feel proud and elsted at their success. The degrees conferred upon them were the Beauchamp, P. P., Aylmer, and will receive scholastic year-tokens of talent, assiduity and high moral conthe rite of Confirmation from Monsigneur duct. (Applause.) For himself, he felt that Lorram, Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac.

...On Thursday having thirty-two years ago left the college, then in its infancy, and having had more or less angel has been presented to Rev. Father Corkof a prominent career since, at the bar and in ery, P. P., of St. Michael's Church. Huntley, public life, he could now say that at all events and will adorn one of the side altars of the his Alma Mater was not a shamed of him. The Church. It is in memory of the late twin speaker then traced the career of the college daughters of Mr. Martin Grace, a respected

the address. The candidates for confirmation building, on Sussex street to the present time. He referred to the assemblage of prelates and ing the chief doctrines of their church, and statesmen, from all parts of the continent, who Special to the Review. satisfactory replies having been given, he pro-ceeded to adminster the rite of confirmation. Tabare, the founder of the university, and Literary Association gave their annual musical He then addressed a few words of coursel to paid a glowing tribute to the memory of that and literary entertainment, and if public those who had been confirmed. The Bishop great and good man whose name would live in opinion be recognized as the criterion of judgdelivered an address also at the evening serthe history of Canada. (Prolonged applause.) vice, and being a fluent, thoughtful, and witty In conclusion he spoke more directly to the young gentlemen who had taken their degrees, and he urged them ever to look back foully to bounded success, their members have forged the institution where they had spent the best days of their youth; to be loyal to its teachings and to spare no pains to uphold its honour. The great philosophers whose works they had decorated, and when the curtain arose, revealstudied, told them to be steadfast in their unity in all essentials; that they would be, but he also inculcated broad liberality when the right of judgment existed, that liberality they would cherish, and in this mixed community they would cling to the teaching of tellectual advantages in comparison with the Christian charity in all things. That charity, past was set forth in elegant diction. the love of one's neighbour, was more especrally needed here; they must extend the right societies and their dependence on the college hand of fellowship and generous sympathy authorities was clearly established. to all men of every race and creed who were reasons the faculty had for encouraging such anxious to be good citizens of our Canadian home. Thus they would live down prejudice trequent applause. But by far the best literary and fanaticism, of which there were, unfornumiers on the evening's programme were the tunately, some indications in certain quarters. orations on John Boyle O'Reilly by Mr. Jno. He would conclude his remarks to each of the A. Dwyer, and Historical Traitors by Mr. D. young men now about to embark upon the B. Kelly. The former set forth the reasons voyage of active life with the lines of the poet: why we should honour John Boyle O'Reilly

Be thou like the great apostle. Be thou like heroic Paul. He from the neroit radi.

If a true thought seek expression.

Speak it boldly, speak it all;

Speak it boldly, nothing fearing

The gibbet, rack or rod,

Speak it boldly, all uncaring, And leave the rest to God.

MONTREAL

to the effect that the Order of the Grey Nun. now number over 1,200 members, located in that could be desired. Worthy of especial about a hundred establishments. At the Mother mention was the quartette's rendition of about a hundred establishments. At the Mother mention was the quartette's rendition of House, in Montreal, there are 460 nuns and Krentzer's "Die Kappelle," and "Swell High 160 novices. The number of adults under the the Choral song "by the double quartette. daily care of the Sisters is 932, and the childdaily care of the Sisters is 932, and the child-ren number about 5,000. The visits paid to Rev. Censor, honorary members and the staff families for charitable purposes number over 22,000 in a year.

..An apostolic trial is now going on before Archbishop Fabre regarding the alleged miraculous cure of Frere Netherline, a member of the order of Christian Brothers. Frere Netherhe was unworthy of. He had a couple of hours line in 1858 was struck with paralysis, so much so that a pin could be run through his body its whole length without his feeling it, and when a finger was pressed against his flesh, the indenta-tion remained. The doctors gave him up, and when the anniversary of St. Jean Baptiste De LaSalle, founder of the order, whose trial for words into a desire to have him make a speech. LaSalle, founder of the order, whose trial for (Laughter.) Some years ago, in the British canonization is now going on at Rome, came Parliament, when the Civil Service Act was round, Frere Netherline undertook a novena of being discussed. Mr. Disraelissreported to have 9 days prayer. It ended May 4, when he was remarked that it was a good thing no Civil carried to church. As soon as he had partaken Service examination was required for Cabinet of the Eucharist, Freez Netherline felt a sen-Ministers. He would nowecho that sertiment sation through his body and immediately reregarding the degree of LL.D., honoris causa. gained health and strength walking out of the church. The doctors who attended him testified and said that medical aid had nothing to and the passengers were entertained by college

First Communion at the hands of Rev. Father two weeks final examinations which close the

... A magnificent life-size statue of a gaurdian from the days when it occupied a very humble resident of the parish, and is a very handsome piece of sculpture.

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, N. Y.

ment, their rivals were outdistanced in overv

respect.

The past year for them has been one of unsteadily onward and now the "English Ex-celsior" is in sight.

The stage of the dramatic hall was tastefully ing the bright, intelligent sons of St. Basil, the applause was long and earnest. The ad-dress of welcome was delivered by Mr. Jac. T. Morrison, President of the Association. A review of the year's work in regard to the in-

The advantages to be derived from literary societies were given in a manner that elicted and regret his death in a manner to please the most fastidious. This illustrious exponent of lav Catholicity is better understood after listening to Mr. Dwyer's eloquent eulogy.

Mr. Kelly lifted the curtain and exposed the traitor's infamy in a manner worthy of a finish-

ed rhetorician.

The debate held the attention for over an hour, thus showing that live questions will .La Semaine Religious publishes a statement always be acceptable to educated audiences. The musical part of the entertainment was all

of the Niagara Index, the same society boarded the steamer Chicora for a trip to Toronto. The trip across the lake was most enjoyable. and college songs made the ride one to be remembered by all on board. On arriving in Toronto the gentlemen were driven to the Rossin House where they did full justice to an excellent menu.

The toasts were responded to in true Basilian style by the following gentlemen:

"Old Nisgara"
"Our Members"
"Our Sister Societies"
"Our Censor" Rev. L. H Grace. Mr. T. C. Kelly, Mr. C. F. Doran, Mr. E. F. Day. "Our Founders" Mr. J. F. Flynn, Mr. J. Ryan. "Ningara Indez"

From 1 o'clock till 4.30 the members took in the sights of Toronto, calling at St. Michnel's College, St. Joseph's Academy, St. Michael's Cathedral, Loretto Abbey, etc.

The dock on the departure of the steamer was crowded with students of St. Michael's, with his recovery.

crys, meaningless to them but how dear to the student's heart. The trip home was most enSome sixteen children have received their joyable and all felt more refreshed to begin the

> On Thursday last His Lordship Bishop. Cameron, after confirming Sevents-six children at Heatherton and sixty at Pemquet, returned to Antigonish feeling unwell. He is still suffering from an attack of la grippe. At first he thought that in one week he could resume his pastoral visits, and so notified the Rev. Pastors in Inverness County; but now we are authorized to state that his visit is further postponed.

CAPHOLIC FORESTERS.

On Tuesday, June 2nd, the Annual session of the convention was held in Milwaukee.

and one alternate. In addition there were a good many leading members of the order pres-Among the well-known Chicagoans who attended were Dr. Fritzgerald, one of the charter member, the Hon. John Scanlan, the Rev. Fathers: Dore, Cunningham, Pickham and Heldman; Drs. King, McDonald and Brand.

P. J. Cahill, high chief ranger; John O.Neill, vice high chief ranger; J. J. Dillon, high sec-retary; Henry Detiner, high treasurer; Dr. H. P. Conley, high medical examiner; Charles Langele, senior conductor, Sephen Couley, jumor conductor : James Kelly, inside sentinel: J. V. Cook, outside sentinel. The directors are L. Drolet, H. C. Johnson, H. W. Murry, Peter Mueller, P. Chambers and N. A. Kirsch-

The first day was occupied in hearing the r. ports of officers and in appointing committees. Francis T. Colby, of Chicago, being made chairman of the Committee on Constitution, and John C. Schubert, clerk of the criminal court of Gook county, Ill., chairman of the Finance. Each Committee was composed of forty delegate, and with them was placed the principle work of the convention.

Among the reports thus submitted and read that of high chief ranger Cabill is here inserted, its scope necessarily covering the purposes and reads :

REV. FATHERS AND BEOTHERS:

In delivering to you the Annual Report of the High Court, which duty devolves on me as the excutive head of the Order to comunicate to the Annual Session, I feel it to be out first duty to return thanks to Almigty God for the continued blessings and protection with which He has favoured us, and for the continuance to us, unimpaired, of the possession and enjoyment of our civil and religious liberty. During the year a wasteful pestilence has prevailed in the land, and thousands of homes and hearthstenes have been made desolate; we have been in the midst of it, yet our Order has been spared helpfrom its fearful ravages; other organizations have suffered very heavily from death; it is true, sickness has almost depleted the treasuries of some of our Courts; but we have met all demands promptly. honestly and honourably as an organization. Sickness has only served to deepen its roots and strengthen the body. We have prospered beyond our most sanguine expectations since the last annual session. We have received muty-nine applications for charters to organize new courts.

One year ago we had 163 courts with a total membership of 11,264; to-day we have 212 courts with a membership of 15,713, making an increase of 49 courts and 4,451 in membership during the year. Of these courts 132 are located in Illinois, 20 in Wisconsin. 45 in Canada, S in Indiana, 4 in Minnesota, 1 in Ohio, 1 in Iowa, and 1 in North Dakota. year 23 are located in Illinois, 14 of these are McCallum, Blouin, Boyer and Paladeau have attending the session of the Order. rendered the Order great service in organizing new courts in Canada.

court of the Order; on the 30th of April there ted to your councils. were 258 members in good standing in that

court. We have paid out during the past year the sum of \$111.400.00 for endowments. various courts have also paid out the sum of \$31. 767 01 for sick-benefits. \$8,493.66 have been Nearly 200 courts were represented in the paid for funeral expenses making the total gathering each being entitled to one delegate amount disbursed for benevolent purposes amount disbursed for benevolent purposes \$151,650,67. The Seventh Annual Session ordered an assesment of one dollar per capita ent, especially from Chicago, which is pratically for high court expenses, including salary, rent, the birth place of the organization and where stationery, postage stamps, furniture, insurance all previous annual meetings have been held, and incidental insurance. Oct of that appropriation the High court has expended 42 cents; leaving a balance of 58 cents per capita unex-

The actual cost of endowment during the eldman; Drs. King, McDonald and Brand. past fiscal year was 774 cts. per month making The executive officers present consisted of the total expenses for the year \$9.30. The past year has been an eventful year to the Order. We have had a large mercase in membership, peace and harmony reigns supreme in our ranks; but if Providence is kind to us, it is necessary that we must be able and willing to use these gifts to advantage, we must have the capacity to discern the capabilities of our situation, and turn them to our advantage. We have a great field to operate on in the great forth-western and Middle States and the Dominion of Canada; we must be equal to the labors. demands, we must labour to spread the Order; we are a progressive people, and all it needs then is for a proper development of our resources.

The Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus will be celebrated in the City of Chicago in 1892, by all classes of our citiezns. The President of the United States will visit the city. and as executive of this great nation will open the great exposition. I would most carnestly benefits of the organization as well as the facts recomend to your honourable looly that suitable which indicate its present condition. Thus it action be taken by this annual session, so as to enable the Catholic Order of Foresters to participate in the grand display.

I would also recommend to this annual ses-

sion that the amount of the bonds of the High Treasurer and High Secretary be fixed by this annual session. The order is growing steadily, the receipts are increasing in a corresponding degree, and as a consequence the duties and responsibilities of those officers increase with the development of the Order. I would I would recommend that the salary of the High Secre-(2,400), and that the High Court Board of Directors be empowered to employ all necessary

I would also recommend that the High Secetary render a monthly report to the High Court of the amount of money received for the endowment fund, the amount received from subordinate Courts for supplies, and amount of money paid to the High Treasurer; also that the High Treasurer render a report to the High Court of the amount of money received from the High Secretary from all sources, separating the endowment fund from the money received from all other sources. Also that he shall render an account of the disbursements of We can not put too many safeguards money. We can not put too many safeguards around the financial officers; we should keep in mind the old adage " short accounts makes long friends.

It would be well for you to consider the advisability of changing our Annual Sessions to Of Bi-ennial Sessions; the cost of holding an authe 49 courts that were installed during the mual session is very great, and the benefits that accrue, if any, do not compensate the Order for such a great waste of time and money; in fact located in the city of Chicago. 18 are located such a great waste of time and money; in fact in Canada, 3 in Winconsin, 2 in Indiana, 1 in the money saved by adopting Bi-ennial Ses-Minnesota, I in Iowa and I in Dakota. Brothers stons would pay the expense of the gentlemen

I call your attention to the proposed organization of the Female Forester Courts. There St. Benedict Court No. 24 still maintains is a delegation from that organization here; the proud distinction of being the Banner they petition this honorable body to be admit-

of the Committee on Reserve Fund, which will be submitted to you for consideration.

A large and influential delegation of Foresters will submit for your consideration a strong report on the mining region; you ought to consider the matter well.

The clergy have aided the Order on every occasion. Our officers have received great assistance and encouragement from the Rev. gentlemen in their labors. They are entitled to our remembrance.

I cannot tail here to refer in kindness and gratitude to my associates in the High Court Board of Directors, John O'Neill, James J. Dillon, Henry Detiner, Dr. P. H. Conley, M. W. Murray, Peter Mueller, Patrick Chambers. Nicholas Kirschten, Henry C. Johnson and Ludger Drulet, and Francis T. Colby, the legal adviser of the High Court. These gentlemen have been my constant advisers and to whom I am deeply indebted for wise counsel and cordial co-operation in all matters having for its object the advancement of the Order.

These gentlemen have worked with an eye singly for the prosperity of our noble Order. They ought and should receive the thanks of the annual session for their faithful and useful

During the year I have visited 90 Courts and assisted in the installation of 20. In the performance of that labor I have travelled 4,865 inles and paid out of my pocket all railroad and hotel expenses.

I must be indulged in saying that while doubtless many omissions have occurred and errors have been committed, yet my labors have been severe and ardnows: perplexities of a most difficult character, growing out of the establishment of so many new courts and the lack of adequate appropriations for office assistance to meet the requirements and rapid growth of the Order, have presented themselves. However I shall never regret the auxieties, cares and responsibilities which have devolved upon me if in some degree I have discharged the trust committed to me to the satisfaction of the Catnolic Order of Foresters.

Respectfully submitted. P. J. Cann.t., H. C. R.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

On Wednesday the body met at 9 o'clock at tary be fixed at twenty four hundred dollars the Mannerverem hall for the second day of the session. After roll call the convention adjourned to enable the delegates to attend pouofical high Mass at St. John's cathedral. delegates formed in rows of three with the standard hearer, with the colors of the order in the lead, and preceded by Clauder's band. The march went up East Water to Wisconsin street, up Milwaukee to Oneida street, and thence to the cathedral where seats had been reserved for the convention.

The Most Rev. Archbishop Katzer was the celebrant. Father Zeminger was the assistant priest, Father Durnin of St. Rese, deacon, and Father Blackwell of Fox Lake, sub-deaton, and Fathers Reogh and Naughtin, master of ceremonics.

Among the priests who were present and some of whom officiated, were: Mgr. Zeminger, Thancelier of the Diocese, Fathers Heldman, Dore, Cunningham. Lesage and Hackett, of Chicago: Blackman, of Michigan Gity, Ind.; Murphy, of Racine: Knox, of Madison: Blackwell, of Fox Lake; Leydon, of Aurora; Bishop Cotter of Winona, and Roogh, Naughton, Morrissey, Ryan, Fairbanks, McGill and Thill, of this city.

After Mass had been celebrated, Archbishop Katzer made a welcoming address to the order. Your order should be an outspoken protest to Catholics against joining other societies of amore doubtful nature," he said. " It is the sacred duty of your order to remain a thoroughly it to your councils. Catholic society. Stand in such a position to-I respectfully call your attention to the report wards the Church that its advisers can conscien-

tiously recommend your order to young men. Endeavor to incorporate myour society thoughts of Christian work. Be always united by the the strongest of ties, the sacred bonds of Christian charity. This ought to be the fountain spring of your motives and the cardinal principles of your society. The motive of your society is to help the widows and orphans, but this should not be all. Be careful whom you admit into your order, see that your new members are convinced, practical Catholies, and strengthen those you have received in their faith. Let the spirit of the Catholic Church permeate your order and see that the Catholic Church can be proud of you. Once more I extend to you a hearty welcome, and assure you that your organization is acceptable to the Church."

On Thursday the convention adjourned after Montreal, Can., had been chosen as the place to hold the next annual convention. It will be held the second Tuesday in June next. The A Strong, Vigorous election of officers resulted as follows:

High Chief Ranger - John T. Kelly, Mitwaukee.

Secretary - J. J. Dillon, Chicago.

Yeasurer - Henry Detmer, Chicago.

Medical Examiner Dr. M. Grand, Chicago.

High Trustees - John C. Schubert, Thos. H. Cannon.

John Pednorz, Ludge Drolet, John F. Scaulan,

Nicholas A. Kirchten.

Senur Conductor, Newben conley, Chicago.

Nicholas A. Kirchten.
Semor Conductor - Stephen conley, Chicago.
Junior Conductor - Chas. Langele. Chicago.
Inside. Sentinal - James Kelly, Chicago.
Outside Sentinel - J. V. Cook, Chicago.
Auditors - Jos. P. Rafferty, Illinois, J. E. Meany,
Wisconsin, and J. E. L'Hercult, Minnesotn, for 3
2 and 1 year respectively.

In the reports of the Finance committee to the high court on Tuesday, the heretofore unknown fact was brought out, that some time in September last burglers succeeded in opening the safe at Chicago in which the funds of the Order were kept. All they got, however, was \$747 of Secretary Dillon's private funds. The case was given to the detectives, who advised that it should not be reported to the courts of the order, as the resulting publicity would hamper them in their work. Accordingly no report of the case was made to the high court until now and the silence about the matter was approved.

Much of the business transacted at this session was necessarily routine, but among the projects discussed was the formation of a ladies' branch to occupy relations to the parent organization similar to those of the Daughters of Rebekali to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A committee of Chicago ladies was present and submitted a petition to the conven. in its essential features and general results of tion asking permission to organize the ladies' branch. The question will be heard of later

The order numbers 15.790 members at present, and applicationa for the formation of fortynine new courts are onlile. An increase of at least 10,000 new members is expected during the coming year.

GENERAL.

has left Paris for Clairyaux, to prepare his "Life of St. Bernanl."

seven Catholic newspapers and periodicals published in the United States.

... A meeting was held at Cannon street Hotel recently to take steps for the foundation of an Irish National Club in London.

..The thirty-eighth annual assembly of the Catholics of Germany will be held this year at Læwenstein.

had leading articles on the Papal Encyclical. The weakest and the washiest was that which appeared in the Times.

.. The solemn dedication of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, at Montmartre, took place on Friday, June 5th, being the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

.The Holy Father held a private and a public Consistory on Tuesday, June 2nd. The Cardinal's hat was conferred on Mgr. Vannutelli and Mgr. Danajewski. Twenty new Bishops, all foreigners, were preconised.

... Cardinal Manning has accepted the honorary membership of the ninth Congress of Orientalists, to be held in London in September. large number of Catholic scholars from all parts of the world will take part in its proceedings.

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Are You Insuaed in it? And if not, Why not?

ANNUAL REPORT

Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company was mitted herewith for your consideration. held in the Town Hall, Waterloo, on Thursday, May 28th, 1891. The attendance was both influential and representative, there have the Pamphlets containing the Financial ing been tapart from the Company's agents, many of whom were present) prominent policy holders from Berlin, Stratford, Toronto, Brockville. Belleville, Calgary and other distant

usual and occupied a seat on the platform.

The President, I. E. Bowman, Esq., M.P. having taken the chair, on motion the Secretary of the Company, W. H. Riddell, Esq., acted as Secretary of the meeting. The minutes of last meeting on motion were taken as read and confirmed. The President then read

THE DEECTOR'S REPORT.

Your Directors in submitting their twentyfirst annual stat ment for the year ending on the 31st December 1890, are again in a position to report to you with confidence that the business of the Company during the year was a highly satisfactory character.

The amount of new insurance issued is \$2.-348,150, under 1783 policies, on which the first from premiums and \$79,935 from interest on on premiums and \$14,230 on the interest over the receipts of the previous year.

Our net and total assets are again largely in-"Father Didon, the well known Dominican, creased and our surplus over all liabilities is possible cost consistent with security. 3134,066, which will enable us to continue a liberal distribution to our policy-holders.

ess, was married on Friday, May 29th, at Dublin, to Mr. John T. Gilbert, the historian.

...There are now one lumdred and previousyear, and less than the interest income for the year by nearly \$15,000.

The general expense account shows a decrease in amount as well as a deduction in the that of 1889, which affords satisfactory evidence a close. of care and economy in the management.

Dantzic, under the presidency of Prince von by the financial statement contained in our 2nd Vice President of the Company for the pamphlet, are invested in municipal deben, ensuing year.

..A number of the English daily papers have tures, mortgages on real estate and loans on our policies, which are safe and profitable securities. The increase in our interest income from year to year shows that the funds are carefully invested so as to yield a satisfactory return to policy-holders.

Your Directors have, on the recommendation of the Manager, decided to change from annual to quinquential division of surplus on

future business.

In compliance with the public demand for this kind of insurance we have adopted a Twenty year Survivorship Distribution Pian prepared by the Manager, which embraces all the unobjectionable features of the ordinary Tuntine, and which we are confident will prove beneficial and satisfactory to those who desire a profitable investment in connection with their insurance policy.

The Executive Committee made a careful examination of all the investments of the Company and found the mortgages, debentures, and cash in the bank to correspond with the respective Ledger accounts at the close of the

year.

You will be called on to elect four Directors in the place of Robert Melvin of Guelph, C.M. Taylor of Waterloo, Robert Baird of Kinear-The Ontario Mutual Life dine, and James Hope of Ottawa, whose term of office has expired, but all of whom are eligible for re-election.

The detailed Financial Statement, prepared The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of The and duly certified to by your Auditors, is sub-

I. E. Bownan, President.

Pamphlets containing the Financial Statement and Auditor's Report having been placed in the hands of those in attendance, the President moved the adoption of the various reports. He spoke of the favovrable death rate experienced in 1890, the low expense ratio, the William Hendry, Manager, was present as keen competition our agents encountered from rival companies when seeking new business, the steps taken by the Board to extend the operations of the Company, the care taken to invest the Company's funds safely and judiciously, and of other prominent features of the business during the past 21 years, proving that the growth of the Company has been healthy. the progress gratifying and the prospects for the future most encouraging. The agency staff was never better equipped or more active and the new business for 1891 would show that the Company was in a position to hold its own against all comers.

Messrs. Robt. Melvin, 2nd Vice-President, Guelph, B. M. Britton, Q. C., director, Kingston, and others, in brief effective speeches, seconded the adoption of the reports. year's premiums amounted to \$77,450,90, invited a full and searching criticism of the The total insurance in force at the close of the past year's business. A careful examination year was \$13,710,800. The total income for of the present standing of the Company will the year was \$489,858, consisting of \$400,920 show that it has done and can do better for its members than any of its competitors. investments, showing an increase of \$26,728 actual results attained for individual policyholders prove conclusively that this Company has no peer in the insurance field and that its members get their insurance at the lowest

The following gentlemen were elected direcors for the next three years in the place of those whose term of office had expired, namely. Messrs. C. M. Taylor, Waterloo, Robt. Melvin Guelph, Stuart Itenderson, B. A., LL. B., B. . L. Ottawa, and Robt. Baird, Kincardine. Messrs. Henry F. J. Jackson ank J. M.

Scully having been re-elected Auditors, and the customary vote of thanks to the Board, the Officers and the Agents, having been tendered ratio of expense to income as compared with and responded to, the meeting was brought to a close. The Directors met subsequently and re-elected I. E. Bowman, President. C. M. The funds of the Company, as will be seen Taylor, 1st Vice-President and Rbt. Melvin

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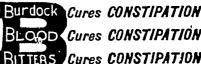


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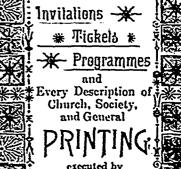


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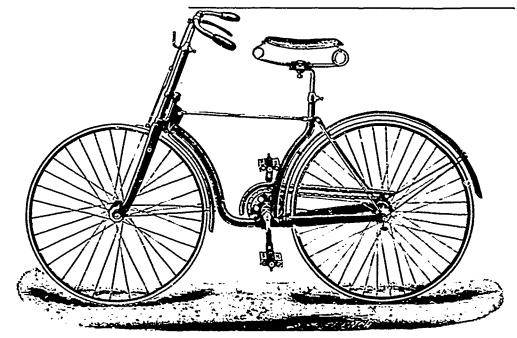
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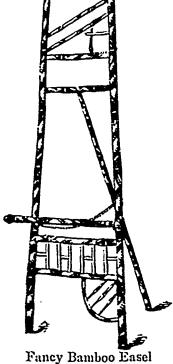
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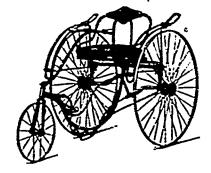
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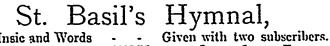
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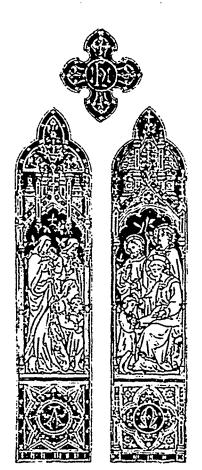
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