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c contemporary in this city says of a speaker U6 Soxtent Irish Protestant Benevolent Society dinner axjex ireatot." A year ago it said, wiel dramatic effect




Miotmion in progress at St. Michael's Cathedral, Wethetiby Fathers Kenny and Jones, S. J. has been ryturessful. It will be ended on Sunday. The serin ${ }^{2}$ Ot The Rev. Father Kenny are of the highest order yong and in point of thought, reasoning, and degity impressive. One must hear them to form fof the power and meaning of preaching.
${ }^{2}$ new paper, the Empire, some quotations from ve make elsewhere, it will be permitted us, we 0 say thiat it is a pleasuro to read it. It is with conspicuous ability; there is behind it the fand of a trained public writer, and it does not of the country. The rifail has become little more I Mantalini of the Canadian press, in that all Fre going, in its judgment, to "the demnition fs," As for the Globe, it has gone into railid is absoibed in watching the timo made by a fañ from Tóronto to London.
preciative and large audience heard the lecture
delivered in Shaftesbury Hall on Saturday evening last, in aid of the St. Nicholns Home, by Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., of Montreal. Mr. Curran spoke on Ireland, and dealt in graceful words of her history and literature. We aro unable to print. as we could wish, Mr. Curran's lecture in full and must be content with one sentence: "Plato has said that the most meritorious spectacle in the eyes of God was that of "a just man struggling with adversity." What must it be when a whole nation offers to Heaven the most sublime virtues in the midst of the extremest trials? Yet, that in a nutshell is the history of Ireland.

The question of a "combine" of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Ottawa is being much canvassed in that city. The Rev. Mr. Carson, of the Dominion Methodist church, and the Rev. Dr. Moore, of the Bank St. Presbyterian church, express themselves in favour of a consolidation. "The only doctrinal differences," the latter gentleman says, "lie in the essential points of the Arminian and Calvinistic theologies, but it is largely open to question whether, great as these difficulties aro, they are sufficient to justify the two bodies remaining separate, when they have so much else to draw them together." In the Ottawa Joumal of the 13th inst, the Rev. Mr. Moore is reported as saying that one advantage of union would be that it would consolidate the congregations now "weak and struggling, through competition with each other," so that apparently the affair has a mercantile aspect. Again, be says, "people in our Church who do not wish, through ungodly living, to make themselves amenable to its lav, will go to the Methodist Church to escape censure. They go there because it is so near their own form of worship. If the Churchics were united they could not do this, for there would not be another Church near enough to their views, and they would consequently stay in the new Church and do better." Efficiency of discipline would be increased by a sort of ecelesiastical cloture, so to speak. Since these opinions have been put forth, the opinion of Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, and Rev. Mr. Potts, of Toronto, have been drawn out. Dr. Grant is in favour of union, but Mr. Potts is opposed to it on the ground of impracticability. The doctrinal standards of the two Churches are so far apart from each other on several points considered vital by each section, that be does not consider organic union to be practicable. How, indeed, could the liberal interpretation pat by Methodists on the doctrine of free will, for example, be mado to square with that cardinal article in the Calvinists' creed, -predestination?

Principal Grant in his letter makes an amasing admission. "The Presbyterian and Metihodist clergy," ho says, "geuerally ane not of the ecclesiastical typa."

## The Clumeth in Cimada.

Under this heading will be collected and preserved all obtainable data bearing upon the history and growth of the Church in Canad.a. Contributions ate invited from those having in thetr possession any matērial that maght properly come for publication in this department.

## FATHER LOUIS DELLA VAGNA, CAPUCHIN.

pastur of st. mars's chukchi, toronto, isj6.18j7.
(Condensed from a paper sead before the American Catholic Historical Socie:y of Philadelphia, February; 1835.)

## I.

In the month of June of last year, while tearing down the walls of the old church (f St. Mary, Bathurst St., Toronto, the workmen came up a stone slab bearing the following inscription :
beneath arf debositel) the remains of
IHE VERV RIVV. FATHER I.OUIS
Della vagid, of the
order of capuchins.
a Native of genon- he foved
PuItrery, omfdience, chastity-he: 1.ED A MORTIFIED LIFE AND WAS A
strict ollserver of the rule of st. fravicis.
H: DIf. ON THE 1 gTH OF MARCH, 1857.
JfSUS AND MARY RECEIVE HIS SOUL.
As the eiscavations proceeded the stone was remeived, and beneath was found the iron coffin in which the corpse had been interred. When the slde had been removed the face was seen to be in precisely the state in which it had been buried. Intelligence of this discoviry soon spread throughout the city, and multutudes flocked to view the remains. Early in the day His Grace, Archbishop Lynch, accompanied by his Iordship, Bishop O'Mahony, Very Rev. Father Rooney, V.G. (the present pastor of St. Mary's) and Very Rev. Father Laurent, V.G., of S:. Michael's Cathedral, visited the chapel in which the coffin had temporarilybeen placed, and reverently looked upon the face of the pricst, who, just thirty years before, had been laid to rest beneath the church over which he had, during one short year of his life, exercised pastoral control. Doctors Wallace and McConnell made an examination of the body and found it to be in a remarkably good state of preservation, there being little, if any, decomposition. "It has since been re-interred in the vault prefared for it beneath the sanctuary of the new church, never again, perhaps, to be exhumed until it shall come forth at the last day. Among others, the writer of this paper was privileged to look upon the face of the dead monk, and, having regard to the circumstances of his life, an attempt to record which he has here made, he shall ever esteem it one of the greatest privileges God has permitted to him.

The priest whose body had thus been brought to light was at one time pastor of the church of St. Mary. Many old residents of Toronto remember him well. Although his sojourn amongst them was of brief duration, bis character and his work were such as to leave an indelible impression upon all who had come in contact with him. But those who were in man's estate then, and still survive, are old and "full cf years," and the children of that day are the men and women of this, so that, should no effort be made to preserve the memory of so remarkable a man as Father Louis della Vagna undoubtedly was, there is some danger of the dictum quoted by Mgr. Seton being found still to contain an atom of truth, i.e.: "There is no antidote against the opium of time, which temporally considereth all things. . . Gravestoncs tell truth scarce forty years." Recognizing, therefore, the necessity of doing something towards preserving to future generations the memory of this holy Franciscan friar, I inmediately set about collecting all the information possible having the least reference to him, and when asked $t 0$ prepare a paper for the American Catholic Historical So-
ciety of Philadelphia, on a subject of my ofn choosing, I de. termined to put together what I have been able to glean corcernine this man That his menory is worth preserving, the facts ...., snow. In the words of the Bishop of London, who was his immediate successor in the pastorate of St. Nary's $\because$. $\because$ rch," His memory bas remained amongst his people lakea sweet.. rrance, 'like the good odour of Christ unto God.' '

Accorati.o to a small anonymous pamphlet published at the time of Father Louis' death, and inspired, no doubt, by Mg: de Charbonnel, at that time Bishop of Toronto, the subject, this sketch was a native of Genoa, the chief commercial citj of Italy, where he was born in the year 1801. He camed one of those old merchant families whose spirit aud enterpris raised Genoa to the proud position it occupied during th: Middle Ages, the memory of which clings to it cven set Louis himself was intended by his parents for commercial pur. suits, and after he had completed his cducation under th: supervision of the Christian Brothers, he was placed in counting room on the Exchange. Here by his industry and probity he rapidly advanced bimself until, at the still early abt of twenty-one, he became principal of an extensive bankir: institution. This rapid promotion of itself affords abundati evidence of the great talents which he undoubtedly possessci and had he remained in the world, it is not too much 1 assume that his career would have been one of great distinction to himself and of illustrious service to his native city. Bt God had other designs upon him. In his youth he had dis played a great liking for spiritual things, and although, as b: became engrossed in rorldly pursuits, he fell $r$ ff from much his former fervour, he never became actually irreligious When, however, he had advanced to the position just men tioned, be gave up altogether the practice of his religion and devoted his energies solely to the acquirements of this world goods. This continued until the year 1825, when, being sud denly aroused by the operations of Divine Grace, he placed ai his affairs in the hands of his brother, and announcing his intention of quitting the world, he entered the Convent of $S$ Francis of Assissium. As formerly le had devoted himse: with that vigour and energy characteristic of his nature to bus ness affairs, so now he threw himself with his whole soul int: the spirit of the Founder of his Order. Having been ordaine' priest, he continued for trenty-five years to perform the ordic ary duties of his state as a Capuchin monk in Italy and th Southern Departments of France, when in the year $1 S_{j}$ he was ordered to the missions of the north-pestern consts i Europe.
H. F. McIntosu.

## (To le Continued.)

## THE BLESSING OF THE GOI.DEN ROSE.

It is on the Fourth Sunday in I.ent that takes place ti function of the " Blessing of the Golden Rose," by the reige ing Pope. It is not verg certain when this custom first origio ated, but certainly it was anterior to the Pontificate of IA IX., (A.D. 10.48 ), and a scrmon by Pope Innocent III. (Ing on the subject of the Golden Rose is still extant.

In former times the ceremony was far more imposing th: it is in the present day. The Pope, who then resided at the Lateran Palace, after having blessed the Rose, set out in gred pomp with his mitre on his head and, bearing the newly blesses Rose in his hand, procceded to the Church, where was tt: Station of the day, followed by an imposing cavalcade, includ ing the whole Sacred College. This Station was at tb: Basilica of "Santa Croce in Gerusalemme," (The Holy Cros in Jerusalem), one of the seven principal Basilicas of the H 0 \} City, which church contains many of the precious relic brought by the Empress St. Helena from Jerusalem, amongs otluers the title which was placed over our Saviour's Head a the Cross, and which relic is here venerated under the name ( "The Title of the Cross."

Having artived at this Basilica, the Pope pronounced discourse on the mysteries represented by the Rose, its beaut its colour, its perfume. Mass was then celebrated, and on $\dot{f}$ termination the Pontifi returned to the Lateran still carryit the Rose and followed by the same imposing cortege. 0 arriving at the portal of the Lateran Palace, if there was at distinguished prince present it was his task to hold the stim of the Pope's horse while His Holiness dismounted, and as
reward for his respectful courtesy the Blessed Rose was presented to him.
In the present day the function is not so imposing, though all the principal rites are retained. The flower itself too is changed, for it is now far richer than in olden time, when it was but a single flower of wrought gold, coloured red. After a time the custom commenced of decking the petals with rubies and other gems, and, finally, the form adopted was that of a thorny branch with several flowers and leaves and one principal flower at the top, the whole of pure gold.

It is now in one of the halls of the palace that the Pontiff blesses the Rose, making use of the following prayer: "O God, by whose word and power all things were created, by whose will all things are governed, who art the joy and delight of all the faithful; we humbly beg of Thy majesty to bless and sanctify this Rose, whose appearance and perfume are so agreeable, which we this day will bear in our hands as a sign of spiritual joy, so that Thy consecrated people, having, by the grace of Thy Divine Son, the glory and gladness of Israel, been freed from the yoke of Babylonian captivicy, may with sincere hearts meditate on the joys of that heavenly Jerusalem, which is our mother. And as Thy Church, at the sight of this symbol, is filled with joy for the glory of Thy Name, so do Thou be pleased to bestow on her true and perfect happiness. Do Thou be pleased to accept all devotion, to remit sins, to increase faith; do Thou heal by Thy word, protect by Thy mercy; do Thou destroy all obstacles and grant all good things, so that that same Church may offer Thee the fruit of good works, walking in the odour of that Flower which sprung from the root of Jesse, is mystically called the Flower of the Fields and the Lily of the Valleys, and that, in company of all the saints, she may merit lasting and endless joys amidst heavenly glory, with that divine Flower who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen."
After this praser, the Sovereign Pontiff anoints the Golden Rose with Holy-Chrism, throws on it a perfumed powder, according to the ancient rite, and when the time arrives for the solemn High Mass, he enters the Palace chapel bearing the mystical flwer in his hand. During the Holy Sacrifice the Rose is placed on the altar on a golden rose-tree, which has been prepared for its reception, and at the end of the Mass the Rose is again handed to the Pontuff, who bears it back in his hands to the hall where he had blessed it.
It is customary for the Pope to send this Rose to some punce or princess whom he wishes to honour; sometimes it is sent to a town or church.
Among the recipients of the Golden Rose are many wellknown names, such as Napoleon III., Isabella II. of Spain, Maria Theresa, Queen Mary of England. Henry VIII. also receivecl it tbree times, in the days when he gloried in his title of Defender of the Faith. The Cathedral of Capua, the Lateran Basilica, the Sanctuary of Ioretto, the Basilica of St. Mark's, Venice, have also been honoured by receiving it, as was also the Republic of Lucca.
G. M. Ward.

## MONTREAL GOSSIP.

"Religions dissipation" onght to be, and is, the chief topic jost now in our Catholic cirolos. Every Friday and every Sunday-
"Cymbals glorious, swinging uproarious,
In the gorgeous turrets of Noire Dame."
Summon the faithful, or those of them who understand Frouch, to hear the sloquent sermons of Monseigneur Soulc, - Bishop of Ile Bourbon, who has come all the way frcm Paris to preach the Carime in our great Parish Chnrch. From ton to fourteen thousand people are generally present on the occasions upon which the French prelato speakes. These all listen with rapt attention; in fact, to ase an old and homely comparison, you could hear a pin fall in the Church. Monseignear Sonle is an impressive prescher, earnest and graceful, and gifted with a voice of rare beanty and sweetness. In his sermon of Friday afternoon, ppon "The prayer of Jesus in the Gardon of Gethsemane," ho dwelt lovingly and Jong apon the safferings of our Lord, and pleaded with irresistible force that we should mske some retara for the love that was so unsparing in its devotion to us. After portray.
ing enoh characteristio of that momorable prayor, ho said, what is very true, that wo, for whom it was offered, often do not even listen to ourselves praying bat make intoreession to God with our lipa, while our heart is far from IIm. Very gorgeone was the pomp and ceremonial at High Masg on Sunday, the 1 ith instant, whon Monseignour Fabre, Aroh. bishop of Montreal, attonded by his noblo guard, proceeded in state to Notro Dame, to pontificate on the ocoasion of the solemnity of tho Feast of St. Joseph, which was antioipated this year to avoid olashing with the onfice of Passion Sun. day. The sermon de circonstance was preached by Mon. soignenr Soalé.

The old historical cnstom of holding a Novena to Saint Francis Xisier has beon duly observed this yoar in the Churoh of tho Gosa. No Lenten service is more popular. Night after night from the fourth to the twelfth of Maroh the capacious churoh was woll filled with a devout and attentive congregation, who, after listening to the practical and earnest sermons of the Rov. A. E. La Rue, S. J., the preacher of the Novona, knelt before the altar of St. Franois Xispier to receive the Bencdiction of the Blessed Sacrament. Vory beantiful was the many colonred marble altar of St. Fransis Xavier, during thoso days of the Novens. The statue of the apostle of the Indies stood in a bower of blossoms, radiant with fairy lights, which in their starry effigence threw ont the fresooe on the walls of the transept, and gleamed in pale splendour over the prostrate form of the Redeemer in the grand piece of modelling which portrays the agony of our Saviour in the Garden of Gethsemane. From the base of the altar where on a slab of lapis lazuli golden letters form the sentence, Doceto Ommes Gentes / to the brilliant crown of the canopy suspended far over head, the decorations were in good taste and in leeping with the oharaoter of the ohurch. The music was supplied by volnnteer ohoirs, sometimes composed of men, sometimen of women, as the rules of the diocese do not permit thom to sing togother in the ohurohes. On the last evening of the Novena I heard a musical direotor, who is usually occupied with a malo staff of singers, ejaculate with s sigh: "C"est bien difficile i conduire ces $c(h)$ curs des femmes?"

Thoso who have only seen or heard the Rev. Fathor Dowd in the pnlpit, engaged in admonishing, reproving, directing, or exhorting his large congregation, would acarcely have recognized him in the benign and fatherly old gentleman, who, laying aside the rigour of the lisciplinarian on Friday last, lent himself to the enjoyment u, a little festival provided in honour of his fete day, by his loving ohildren of St. Patrick's School. The hall of the Academy on Alexander street was much toosmall toshow off the excellent programmo to advantage; it is a great pity that some plan has not been dovised wheroby the sistors might have more room to devote to these extibitions. Small as the hall is, it looked very pretty, on Friday afternoon. The daylight had been excluded and soft rosy gleams of shaded gas lit up the crinson Turkey ruge on the floor and the drapery of the windows. On a raised platiorm, at the feet of the statne of Mary Immaca. late, clasirs Fere placed for the Rev. Clergy, who shortly after two o clook entered and took their seats. Rev. Father Dowd was accompanied by Rev. Fathers Toupin, McCallen, Quinlivan, James Callaghan, and Brothers Arnold and Narcisse of the St. Ann's Sohool. The opening march of welcome owod much of its beanty to the admirable violin accompaniment of Rov. Martin Callaghan, an amatour of con. siderablo skill. After a charming dialogne between five littlo girle, asmagnificent floral effering was presented to him whom the children lovingly osiled their Soggarth Mhor, sfter which a tiny maiden tripped around with a basket containing the daintiest and most fragrant of boutonnieres; these, thongh accepted with grateful smiles, were not, I am bound to atate, relegated to their destined resting place-mprobably because the soutane of a Catholio priest is not provided with the necessary piece of elastic which can accommodate any number of rose-bnds on the breast of an Anglioan parson. A very tonching diologne representing two emigrant ohildron evicted from their mother's cabin and just arrived in Montreal, brought a tear of sympathy to many an eye. As I beheld the little maidens in their modest grey gowns and red Collcon Bairn cloaks, and heard thom sing a plaintive song of

Ireland's wronge, I forgot for tho moment that it was ouly what the children call "mabo believo;" my dream, howover, was rudely diepelled, by a very matter of fact mamma, seated behind me, who Theard whispor audibly to her noighbour: "I wanted to get thom greon dresses but Mother Suporior wanted grey." A very protty offect was given by a bort of innocent ballet, wherein twenty four tiny madons, carryiug garlands, danced to the music of a sweent song, and ench in turn laid a floral offering at the feot of Father Dowd. I am taking for granted that epery one knows that Father Dowd's name is Patrick, and that the day of his feast wasanticepated in th, 18 celebration. His venorablo confrcre, Futher Toupn, is called Joboph, aud St. Josbillis day was very near, a fact of which we wero reminded by a baby of abunt seven who stopped forward bearing a gorgeous basket of calla lilies. roses and smilax, which sho presonted to the sweot faced old Canadian pastor, with an aidross in Euglash, but whech tho mite finiabod with a fow words in Fronich-" Lest pour nous un grand plaisir." After another clevorly acted dialogue and some more good music, supplimented by many fine tloral offerings, the lhev. Father Dowd rose to thank his "doar good childrou." Very gentle, very touching, was the pastor's speech, ard very complimentary as well; for ho told them that he lad sent to a distinguished friend in Ireland tho bonk lately published, commenorativo of the Silver Jubiloe of Father Toupin and himself, and that his froend had writ. ten baok, that of all tho pages coutained in that fair volume, he cousidered the gem that on which was printed the address of St. Patrick's School, with its "Pinch of Snuff." At the close of Father Dowd's speech the choir rendered admirably the thrilling lrish Natioual Song, "Goil Save our Native Land," composed by the bard of Tullamore, the music by Miss Winter, of Cork. I had often heard of the beanty and delicacy of these little entertainments at St. Patrick's academy-whioh by.the-bye, is conducted by sisters of the congregation of Notro Dame-but I had never before been privileged to witness one. They aro in overy respect admirable and reflect much credit on the talented Superior, Mother St. Aloysia.

Old Momtaliti.

## HOLY WEEK.

The latter part of the Lenten fast is consecrated to the contemplation of the Sorrows and Sufferings of our Divine Lord, and the nearer we approach to Easter the more are we called on to place the great drama of Calvary constantly before our cyes. The services of all this great week are made up of psalms, prophecies and recitals concerning the great event of Good Friday. So abundant are the riches of this season that no human pen could do justice to them, and any succinct recital of them is necessarily imperfect and but superficial. To do justice to them requires long study of them at the fountanhead, the Liturgy, or in some of the deeply-reflected works tha: the saints have given to us.

This week has been differently named in different times. It has been cal!ed the Great Week, the Week of Suffering (menosa), the Week of Indulgence, and, lastly, the Holy Week, by which name we now know it. The rigour of the fast is increased nearly everywhere, and in old in times it was carried to the verge of what nature could re:.st, there being record of some who did not break their iast from the Monday morning till cock-crow on Easter morning. Doubtless there were but ver" few physically capable of such prolonged fasting, but others passed two, three or four days fasting, and it was by no means rare for many of the faithful to remain from Thursday evening until Easter Matins without tasting food. Prolonged aatching in the churches was likewise a characteristic re: in of this seasin, but in the present day these great austeriite are not practised, except, perhaps, by some few holy souls, unknown to the woild.
infore abundant almsgiving and more numerous acts of mercy and charity are, or ought to be, another characteristic of this week.
The first day of Holy Week is called Palm Sunday, but it has also been called Hosannah Sunday, Flowerng Sunday, and also, in some parts of England, Fig Sunday. Of this latter appellation I can give no account. The name of Flowering Sunday, in French Paynes Fleures, is given it for various reaons, among which is that of the celebrant's palm, borne during
the Procession, being ornamented with flowers. It was in if membrance of this appellation that the Spaniards, having dif covered the large tract of land which borders on the Gulf $\alpha$ Mexico on Palm Sunday, gave the State the name of Florida. The name of Hosannah Sunday is easily understood to have arisen from the frequent reitcration of tbat word during the offices.

The function on Palm Sunday is divided into three distinct acts, the Benediction of the Palms, the Procession and the offering of the Holy Sacrifice, during which is sung the recita of our Saviour's Passion as given by St. Malthew.

The Palms (or small branches of trees which are often substtuted), which receive the Church's blessing, are carried 10 remembrance of those which the people strewed before our Saviour, and this ceremony is of very ancient date, probably dating in the Latin Church from the 6 th or 7 th century, and even earlier in the Eastern Church. The Procession which follows the Blessing represents our Saviour's journey to Jerusalem and His entry into the city. The Blessed Palms are carried during this Procession, and during the Middle Ages in many churches the Book of the Gcspels was also borme in solemn poinp. Formerly, and even now in some places, the fathful followed in this procession, but now more usually the clerny and their attendants alone leave the church, and on theis return, fin ing the doors closed, strike the portals of the sacred edifice with the stem of the cross three times, and demand readmittance in the name of the Lord.

This ceremony has varied much in different times and in different countries, but its object everywhere is that of recalling our Saviour's entrance into the earthly Jerusalent and typifying His entrance into the heavenly Jerusalem. During the Mass on this day is sung the recital of the Passion to a kind of recitative of very ancient date, and of most pathetic intonation. This Passion is usually sung by three priests, and the faithful hold their palms in their hands during its chanting.

It would take us too long were pe to enter into all the beauties of the function of this day and speak of all the great events, which are commemorated or typified. We will there fore now continue the week.

On Holy Monday our Saviour is represented as again going to Jerusalem and passing a great part of the day in the Temple, where He conversed long with the princes and ancients of the people. The details of this discourse mas be found i.s the 2 Ist and 22 nd and two following chapters of St. Matthew. The office of this day consists in psalms, etc., all bearing on the coming tragedy.

On Hrly Tuesday our Saviour again directed His steps to Jerusalem, and it was on His way thither from Bethany His disciples were struck with tie sight of the figtree which He had cursed and which stood there completely withered and dead. Our Saviour profited by this circumstance to impress on their minds how completely physical nature is subordinate to the spiritual element. Having arrived in the Temple the princes and scribes questioned Him, ashing by whose authority He did what He did? His reply may be read in the Gospels.

On Palm Sunday the Passion hy St. Matthew has been sung or read ; on this day that by St . Mark is given. The Gospel of St Mark was written after that of St. Matthew and the recital of the Passion is shorter, a sort of abridgment of the other, but it contains some few details not given by St. Matthew. During the reading of all the "Passions" a solemn pause is made when the moment of our Saviour's death arrives and every one kneels or prostrates, and, in many places, kiss the floor, in token of their solemn mourning for their Saviour's death.

On Holy Wednesday'the princes, priests and ancients met in the Temple for their last deliberation on the means of putting our Saviour to death. It is in the remembrance of this being the day when this horrible plot was ripened that the Holy Church has, from the very earliest times, looked on Wednesday as a penitential day, and has thus shown her execration of the fearful deed consummated on it, and offered reparation then for the offences committed against the Son of God. On Holy Wednesday is read the Passion according to St. Luke. This . Evangelist gives many details which the two others have not given and, so to speak, gives us still further insight jnto the Mían-God's Sorrows and Sufferings.
On this and the two following days the Church anticipates the morrow's offica and celebrates the function in the afternoon known as Tenebric.
G. M. Wakd.
(To be Coninued.)

## Current Cutholic Ohanght.

## THE FEAST OF ST, ['ATRICK.

The feast of St. Patrick is not a holy day of obligation, but every Irishman and descendant of Irishmen should keep it as one. The Irish welcomed this Roman Prince-who had been a slave-sent by Pope Celestine, as no other people ever welcomed an aposile of Christianity. The emblem of the Trinuty -the shamrock-grew in their own soil; it needed only the touch of the sacred water from the Roman see to make it cuver the land. It was an emblem of the fath that sprung from the Irish soil.
And so, when Englend and Scotland and Wales swerved from the Church, Ireland remained fathful. The tume-serving counsels of English kings and nobles were laughed at. The Irish bad found the faith they longed for, and they clung to it. Force made them firmer, starvation confirmed them in their alliance with Our Lord, and fever and death were but the messengers to them of admission to His Kıngdom.
To-day they are as faithful as ever. An Irishman who has strayed from the teachings of St. Patrick seems only half an Irishman. And it is to the honour of this most fathful land that when the name Irish is mentuoned it seems also to imply the word Catholic!-N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

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The Christian Rogister has the courage to say: "Nothing is clearer than that our Catholic brethren are enjoying in this country to.day frults they could not have enjoyed had not Protestantism ushered them into the freedom of American institutions." Your Catholic brethren owe nothing to l'rntestantism. Bnt for the fact that in the War of Independence the Colnnies sought the aid of Catholic Canada, Catholic France, Catholic Spain, and Catholic Ireland, the infamous Protestant blue laws that stained their statute books would probably still be in force, for they were abrogated not from a sense of moral justice, but out of political expediency. We Catholics, who famed Magna Charta and who in Maryland taught you Protestants how to respect liberty of conscience, have nothing to learn from you of American institutions. Those institutions are ours, as much to the crossing of the last $t$ and the dotting of the las* in the Constitution, as they are yours. We are not here by sour favour or your sufferance. We are in our father's house, children of liberty, of pure blood, to the manor born.

## EXIT FULTON.

It was our intention not to say anything more about Fulton, his book, or his clique. In vur last number we spoke in words of praise of the Rand Avery Company's prunting establishment for refusing to print this ruftian's book. Since then we find that the above firm has printed this dirty book, Why Prests Should Wed. It appears as though the letter, refusing to print this book, which appeared in the dally papers, was braggadocio of the purest kind, and that these printers were also looking for gratuitous advertising. The only reason they give for changing, what seemed to be their original intention, is that the book was revised and several objectionable features struck out. This is a pretty lame excuse, for to have anpthing left out viler than what ois in the book, as it now appears, would be impossible, and is to one who reads it, another base falsehood. We learn that the Rand Avery Company, and the "Syndicate," are badly stuck on the vile thing. The girls who protested against setting Fulton's manuscript bad the alternative left them, to work on it or be discharged. Not being able to get along without working, they had to submit. Three young women, emploged as "feeders" on the presses, refused to bandle the leaves on Fulton's book, and left the place.

It was stated on circulars, distributed on the streets, and in 2 newspaper advertisement, that the book could not be sold, and would, therefore, be given away at the two meetings to be held in Mechanic's Hall. People were asking if Fulton had been forbidden to sell his book, but the answers to their queries were indefinite, as nobody scemed to know. There
was a scheme behind all this, and this it was: Fulton believed there would be a great destre, on the part of the people, to secure a copy of his book; he wanted to have large meetings, 100, and he thought the best way to appease the people's curiosity, and to get a big crowd at Mechanics' Hall, was to charge $\$ 1.00$ admission fee, and give a book to each person attending -hence the annuuncument that the book could not be sold. At the first meeting there were about 2,000 persons present In the news columns of a daily paper these figures were given, while in the adrutisuib culumns of the same paper, it was stated in conspicuous figures, that 10,000 cuptes of the book were given away, represcritug, of course, that that number of people were at the mectang. At the first meeting complimentary tickets Were given tu those present, good for the second meeting on the following night. This was done, ...s can be seen, to draw a large cruwd. On the second nught there mas a smaller crowd present than on the first night, notwithstanding the free distribution of uckets. Many persons went out at both meetings, it evidently being wurse than they had bargained for. To the goud sense of the great majonty of the people of this city be it sad, rultun left Boston with little of the people's muney, which he was louking for first, last, and always. He nas now gone to other places where he intends shooting off more of his filthy epithets against the Catholic Church.

The book, like the lectures, was a complete fallure. Fulton succeeded in bringing to his meetings, to a large extent, lowest elements of humanity from the slums of Boston. It was announced that a syndicate was to publish one hundred thousand copies of Why Priests Should Wed, but it is given on the strength of good authority, that the Rand Avery Company supplied.about 10,000 copies for this city, and the demand for them was so small that they will be sent along with their author for other places, but eventually they will be left on this syndicate's hands, and will, most likely, wind up in a junk shop. The reason of Fulton's great fallure here can be a ccredited to the respectable people of our city regardless of creed. The Rand Avery Company played a contemptible part in the Fulton episode, to say the least, and certannly no Catholic will so far forget himself as to ever patronize this establishment.

This foul-mouthed ruffian has left Boston, we sincerely hope never to return, not because we fear him, but because we loathe and despise him. Fulton's lecture in New York was attended by less than three hundred persons, and in Brooklyn fewer still. In speaking of his lecture in the latter city, the Brooklyn Citizen says it was heard by not more than one hundred persons. Speaking of the book, it remarks: "The material, in a word, is gathered from the foul and discredited sources that have come into the twilght of private circulation within fifty years. The work, in general, is just such a filthy production as a filthy mind would put into circulation, and a filthy person approve."
Had Fulton come to Boston at the time when Know-Nothingism was flourishing, it not improbable that he would have succeeded in causing great trouble. But to-day, things have altered, and the people are more liberal in their views, and do not show that narrow-minded disposition so conspicious in Fulton and his followers. How mad Fulton must have been to find that no Catholic priest paid any attention to him! In this the priests but followed the example of their Master, when taunts, abuse and outrage were heaped upon Him.
And yet Fulton said he wanted to convert the Roman Catholics : The way he goes about this absurd mission is to reproach them with every crime, and call them every opprobrious name within his well stocked and dirty repertory of vituperation. Alas I his latest freak is the most absurd thing of all the things he has evertaken up, or is cver likely to. He soon will give it up as a bad jub, for he may continue thrusting his insults on the Catholic Church, and others after him, but it will not injure the Church a particle.
"Spotless without, and insocent within, She fears no danger for she knew no sin."

Donahoo's Magaznie.
The Calkulic Weekly Revisio of Toronto, began its second volume upun Fe'). ISth. It comes to us in an enlarged form, beautifully printed aud containing an interesting illustrated life of Pope Leo XIII. The Rerieto is one of our favourite exchanges.-C. T. A. Necus, Philadelphaa.

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In common with all friends of Mr. Henry Nolan, and with many who had not the honour of his intimate acquaintance, but who had come into contact with him in one way or anothe:; whether as a business man, or as a large hearted friend of the poor, or as a devoted Catholic, we greatly regret his death. Mr. Nolan had more friends than most men are blessed with, and enjoyed a measure of esteem and popularity which it is quite withon the mark to say falls to the lot of very few. The nature of has business brought him into contact with men of every class and creed, and to all he was the same genial, warm-hearted character, ever ready to do a kind act, or to relieve distress. By all these he will be greatly missed, but by none more than by his fellow Catholics, among whom he was always conspicuous for his good deeds. As a member of the Separate School Board, and of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, he rendered great service to the cause of Catholic education and Catholic charity-services which should not permit his memory soon to passaway. During the illness which at length brought his earthly career to an end, he had the happiness of a personal visit from His Grace the Archbishop, who had a high regard for him, and as a last tribute to his good Catholic qualities, His Grace preached the funcral sermon over his remains. May he rest in peace.

It is also our sad duty to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Charles Joseph Cruise, who, though by reason of
his retiring disposition was known by very few outside a his own famly circle, we have in hm to lament the depar ture from amongst us of a Catholic young man who ha: only too few counterparts in this age and country. Since his conversion to the Catholic faith some years ago he religion was alwe ys uppermost in his mind, and he hac hoped, had he hived, to become a priest. But God decreec otherwise, and after a lingering illness he succumbed o: Thursday, the isth inst. On his death bed he had th: great consolation of being attended by his brother, th: Rev. Father Cruise, and by his sister, a member of the Community of St. Joscph. Requiescat in Pace.

Mr. Toldwin Smith's letter to the London Times of the 27th Lebruary, on "Canada and Commercial Union, signed by him as "President of the Commercial Unio: Club, and Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union, of Toronto;: is a characteristic production. Professing, as of old, te treat of public affairs from an altitude far removed abor: politics, he affirms that Commercial Union, the shibboletid which serves to represent his rehabilitated annexation proposals, is a movement having absolutely no connection wit politics, but elevated, "natural, and spontaneous," in the highest degree. As a matter of fact, as the Empire pointe out in a very able review of this letter, the campaign $t$ Americanize Canada has lacked the element of sportaneity beyond everything else. "It has been purely artit cial, a carefully nursed, cultivated, organized affair, having its headquarters in New York, with Mr. Goldwin Smith a one of the joints in the tail of the Wiman-Butterwort ring, aided and promoted by systematically prepared tele grams, speeches and newspaper articles and reports, clube and committecs. It may gratify Mr. Smith's vanity t: place him, or to place himself, at the head of a Commercia Union Club or to regard himself as the leader of the move ment, but it would be quite as proper to treat a jack-in the-box as a living personage or one of Mr. Wiman's typ writers as Mr. Wiman himself."

That is a perfectly true statement. The use made b: Mr. Wiman, an American citizen, of the Canadian tele graph system, which he unfortunately controls, for the furthering of his agitation by means of dead headtelegrams and concocted reports to the press, conveying the ided that the country was unprosperous and that the people o Canada were pronouncing for changed commercial rela tions, is perhaps as strong an argument as could be ad duced for the assumption of telegraph control by the Gor ernment. Mr. Smith's letter is well calculated to misleas English public opinion. "I am out of poltics," he says "and unconnected with any party;" yet his whole lette is a decrial of the country, and a narrow partisan attach on the administration, its policy, and individual member of the government. Sir John Macdonald, he says, "se going the series of Home Rule resolutions in the Cana dian legislatures," although it is well known that these resolutions were introduced by private members, and ab though no one came in for more abuse at the time tha did the Opposition leader, Mr. Blake, on the head a them. The Empire does not hesitate to declare many o Mr. Smith's starements untruthful, his suppression o truth in one instance " turning his statement into a falsohood of c:.traordinary proportions." "It is about time."
the E'mpire adds, " that the dissemination of false statements of Canadian political affairs, under the pretence of circulating correct information for English reac rs, was abandoned. The use of Mr. Goldwin Smith's name for this improper purpose does not reduce, though it may not increase, the extent of the injury done to Canada by such ignorant deliverances. Mr. Smith is no authority on Canadian politics. Here there are none so poor as to do him reverence. If English opinion requires educating and enlightening from this side of the water, let us hope that information will proceed from some one who is not im. pelled to sustain a chcap notoriety in order to keep the English people trom forgetting him. Writers for the English press on Canadian affairs should be at least truthful and impartial, not given to self-laudation; not consumed by literary vanity; not seeking every, even the slightest, opening for puffing themselves at the expense of the country; not disposed to abuse English confidence by posing as leaders and great men among us ignorant Canadians. Such writers are only mischief makers, and sooner or later they are certain to be stripped, and their arts and tricks exposed to public view."

In our issue of the toth inst, we drew attention to the article of Mr. Goldwin Smith in the New York Independent, in which Commercial Union is urged as a means unto the destruction of French and Catholic influence. In the House of Commons on Wednesday Mr. Curran, M.P., quoted from another of Mr. Smith's published letters as follows: "In truth, our only chance of nodifying the French element and arresting its growth into an alien na. tionality, appears to be to open it to the full influence of the Enghsh-speaking continent. . . . This very reason which mates the ecclesiastics of Quebec recoil from Commercial Union ought to make us more ready to embrace it." Such, Mr. Curran observes, was the patriotic appeal of the great apostle of the new movement towards a million and a quarter of Canadian subjects. And so it turns out that the campaign of the President of the I. L. P. U., alias the Orange Socicty, has a religious complexion. We take him at his word. If Mr. Smith is content to fight it out on those lines, we Catholics in Canada heve not the slightest objection. Wa recognize in him an absurd, however inveterate, enemy. We do not follow him, and we do not fear him. His advocacy of any measure makes the success of that measure impossible. He is not dangerous, although hecan of course create a good deal of mischief among us.

Of all the notable events that transpired during the recent eclebration of our Holy Father's Golden Jubilee in the City of Rome, none, we think, is worthicr of note than the reception in particuiar audience of the Scottish pilgrimage, headed by the Archbishops of the two ancient and illustrious Sees of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Ever since that deplorable event called the "Reformation," Scotland has been a by-word in men's mouths for intolerance towards Catholics and the Catholic religion. In no country, it has somewhere been said, has the "Reformation " been more disastrous or far-reaching in its effects than in that beautiful land, hallowed by the preaching of so many saints, and the blood of innumerable martyrs. It seemed almost as if the grace of God had been utterly withdrawn from her, so sudden and complete was the destruction which came upon her. But, though Scotland, as a nation, proved faithless to her trust, and the place she
had occupied in the Church was thenceforth for a time to know her not,still there were not wanting the faithful few, who, distinguishing between the sanctity of the Church and the unworthy acts of some of her children, preferred rather to shed their blood than to turn against the Mother who bore them. And the reward of their fidelity has been that in spite of persecution and deprivation, in spite of poverty and distress, yea! in spite of the fact that in many districts of Scotland they were doomed for three long centuries to the deprivation of the Sacraments, yet they have kept the Faith free from the contamination of heresy, until, in our day, they have been blessed with the "Second Spring," and the Church has come forth from her hiding place to enjoy once more the light of day. I $\dot{t}$ was most fitting, therefore, that the present glorious Pontiff who, in his universal beneficence, gave back to Scotland her hierarchy, should, upon the occasion of his fiftreth anniversary in the priesthood, receive the congratulations of the land of which he has been so great a benelactor. The deputation from Scotland, as we learn from European papers, consisted in all of upwards of 150 pilgrims, one of them, Mr. McDonald, of Fort VVilliam, being in full Highland costume. The Holy Father having entered the audience chamber, and seated himself on his throne, an address was read by the Archbishop of St. Andrew's and Edinburgh, and this was followed by another, cead by the Archbisinop of Glasgow. Finally a third address was read by the Marquis of Bute, representing the laity of Scotland. To these several addresses, after recelving individually each one of the pilgrims, and presenting them each with a beautiful silver medal as a memento of the occasion, the Holy Father delivered an impressive address, of which the following is a translation:

Beloved children, whom united affection has conducted hither from Scolland, in order to congratulate Us on Our baving, through the help of Him who rules all, lived to complete the 50 th year since Our elevation to the Sacerdotal Dignity, your presence here to-day increases and perfects that unrestrained joyfulness which was already vivified in Our hearts by the presence of fervent Catholics from England and Ireland. This extraordinary and noble sign of devotion which you have just manifested has been most gratifying to Us, and we accept with special good will the sincere and grateful sentiments you have expressed for the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in Scotland ten years ago, on which occasion We were made partakers of an indescribable happiness in being enabled to auspiciously inaugurate Our Pontificate by that beneficial and ever memorable act the very remembrance of which invigorates and consoles Us; for with the blessing of God, results very highly adapted to the eternal salvation of souls have been fully realized, which are, morcover, admirably calculated to advance the splendour of your renowned race, to whose name and glory the Catholic religion has added so much lustre.

It gives Us great pleasure to recall to mind the well-known and ancient piety of the Scots, as well as their deeds of renown, men who were certainly distinguished for their piety, sanctity, and learning, and more especially those who first announced the glad tidings of Salvation in your country, amongst whom St. Ninian and St. Paladins hold a pre-eminent place. Worthy of mention also are your once celebrated monasteries, from which in different ages issued forth zealous priests, who by the greatest exertions laboured unceasingly towards the propagation of Christian perfection amongst your ancestors, towards which also the great merits of King Malcolm III., and especially of his sainliy spouse, Queen Margaret, had no small influence.

This, however, is of all most pleasing to remember, that the Roman Pontiffs have never been wanting in their solicitude and watchfulness with regard to their Scottish children. Examples of this you have in the very providential establishment of Episcopal Sees in Scotland by their authority; also, of later date, the zeat displayed $b_{j}$ them in seasonably repairing the injuries brough about in Ecclesiastical matters, and likewise the opening of a college in this city, where youths from Scotland receive a liberal education and are trained for the Sacred; Ministry. To embrace all in a prord, illustrious and honourable is the title conferred on Scotland by Our Predecessors the Roman Pontiffs, namely, that of Special Daughter of the Holy See.

These facts, beloved children, excite in Us more and more Our good will, already favourably inclined :owards ycu. Our fraternal
care and solicitude towards Scotland will persevere in the future as they have in the past. Our patronage will be ever extended to you on each and every occasion which We may judge to be beneficial to you, while on the other hand We expect of you that you mayzealously persevere in your religious piety and accustomed obedience to the Holy See.

In the meanwhile invoking an abundance of heavenly blessings upon you, We impart with affection, as a pledge of Our good will, the apostolic benediction to yourselves who are present, to your families, friends and relations, as well as to the whole Scottish race."

Every Scottish Catholic will devoutly second the Holy Father's prayer that Scutland may yet become once more what she was in days gone by: "Thefurourite danylter of the Holy Sec, "and evidence is not wanting that such a desting is in store for her. Witness the marvellous growth of the Churcl: in Scotland within the past fifty years, a growth which we, as Canadians, should rejoice has been greatly fostered by a native of our own land, the late lamented Bishop Gillis.

The unspeakable Fulton has turned up in Toronto, and if he got his deserts would be ducked in a horse-pond. "The notice of his appointment (to speak here) is so short," wrote the Orange Hughes to the Mail on Wednes. day; "that I fear many who would be dehghted to hear him may not realize in tume that he is Justin D. Fulton, of Brooklyn, New York, who for nearly to years has been the most ontspoken opponent of Rumanism in the United States. . . He casily takes rank as the bravest and most cloquent defemder of liotestantism in America." Then may God help Plotestantism. Nen of the Hughes breed, "who will be delighted to hear him," may not realize in time that he is the notorious Justin D. Fulton, co-adjutor to Chiniquy, Achilli, Maria Monk, and Edith O'Gorman, a peripatetic anti-Popery agitator, going about the country giving lectures against Catholics, filled with vile slander and viler indecency! That he is the writer of an obscene book, a filthy collection of falschoods, the horrible nature of whose contents was such that the female printers in the employ of the Kand Avery Co., of Boston, refused to handle the language! That he is the Justin D. Fulton of whose book the land Avery Co., over the signatures, John C. Rand, Pres. ; Moses King, Treas.; Thomas NV. Lawson, Manager, declared. "The book as not only unfit for us to print, but it is unfit for any establishment in America to print!" That he is the Justin D. Fulton who, in New York, dare not sell his lewd publication, and who, to evade the provisions of the law, has adopted a s) stem of distribution, which amounts to cognizance of his habnlity legally! That he is the Justin D. Ifulton who insults the Little Sisters of the Poor, the reviler of the religious life: as it is understood and practised by Catholics, the Fulton, in a word, whose lectures the Boston /ferald, aming other yapers, protested aganst as an outrage on public . lecency, las injurious to public morals, as corrupting to youthful minds, and as delectating oniy to the depraved and the filthy-loving!

From the boards of the Jarvis street Baptist Church in this city on Wednesday, with the recognition, we regret to say, of the grave Dr. Castle as Chairman, Fulton held out on the subject of the "Overthrow of the Papacy.', He hurled at the Holy Church all the old-time falsehoods and fables, he blasphemously claimed-it is approximate blasphemy-that we Catholics who, during this holy scason of Lent commemorate the Passion and Death of our most Holy Redeemer, are kept in ignorance by priestcraft of even a knowledge of the place of our Saviour

III the divine plan of Redemption. He levelled revoltinf insinuations against the conventual life, that perfectio: of the Christian life which they attain whose state is it retirement from the world; whose ways are spent si much in ways of gentleness; whose occupation " prayer, fasting and meditation; who have neither hopt nor fear of anything below; and whose lives are spent "in daily prayer and daily work, one day being like another except that it is one day nearer than the day be. fore it tu that great day which, will swallow up all days, the day of everlasting test."

Hard words rise to the lips, but it is not a time fo: invective. The slanders of such a man cannot hurt Catholics half so much as his advocayy must Protestant. ism. Against the Church, whose founder is the cternal God, the gates of hell shall not prevail. "Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but My word shall not pass away.' Let her alone; for if her work "be of men it will come to nought, but if it be of God you cannot overthrow it lest perhaps you be found even to fight against God."

## CATHOLIC AND LITERARY NOTES.

A sister of Miss Caldwell has given $\$ 50,000$ to the funds of the Catholio University.

An artiole from the pen of Cardinal Nowman will appear in the forthcoming number of Nineteenth Century.

Mr. P. V. Hickey, editor of the Catholic Revicio, has ro. turned from Rome, much improved in health.

Cardinal Newnan's eighty-seventh birthday was celebrated on Tuesday, Fobruary 21, at the Oratory, Birmingham, in the usual manner. The Cardinal, who was in excollent hoalth, said an early Mass, and later attended High Mass in the churol.

The Western Watchman mentions that Gen. Low Wallace was a Farm friend of the late Archbishop Lamy. Ho was a constant visitor to the arohiepiscopal library during his official stay in New Mexico, and it was there lie imbibed the spirit and inspiration to write lis famous "Ben Hur."

A now book by the Prig has just made its appearance. It is described by a non-Catholic journal as "clever and droll in its comic exposition of Anglicanism from a Catholic point of view, with plenty of those delicately smart hits which have gained the former productions of this anthor thoir popularity." The book is called "The Chur-Gress."

Cardinal Manning will contribute to tho next namber of the American Catholic Quarterly, in complianco with an urgent request, an articlo on social political economy based on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Alphonsus Liguori on the rights of the starving poor.

Don Bosco, of Turin, the St. Vincent de Paul of Italy, died on the 3 Ist January. He was the founder of Homes for neg. lected boys, 1. - of which houses have since been established over the worlc. The news of the death of this venerated servant of God will come as a shock to the Catholics of all lands, by whom his person, his labours, and those of his spiritual children, have long been recognized as one of the purest glories of the Church of these times. The venerable founder of the Salesians was struck by paralysis, and never recovered conscious. ness. His death-bed was surrounded by many priests of his Congregation.

A Rome despatch, on Monday, said that the Holy Father had been indisposed for two days. No serions symptoms manifested themselves, but a certain degree of apprehension existed in consideration of his age and the lassitude caused by the enertions he was subjected to dur ing the ; iblee festivities.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

Iflangles, or a collection of studies-Religious Social, Political and Literary,-by I. P. Tardivel, cditor of la l'erife.
This interestung volume of nearly 400 pages, and which sthe first of a series which Mr. Tardivel intends publish. ng, contains the more important articles which he conributed to La lierte during the first year of its existence, 1851-82.
Although many of them refer to burning questions which agitated our co.religionists of the Province of Que. bec some half dozen years ago, and which are now at rest, they will bear re-perusal, and will also prove a valuable contribution to contemporary history. We may not agree with him on every point, but we cannot bût admire the clear and vigorous style in which his opinions are expressed, and the truly Catholic ipirit which they breathe. It is this latter characteristic, 1.J doubt, which has suggested, in certain quarters, the comparison between the feditor of La l'erits and his great prototype of the French Catholic Press-the late Louis Veuillot. No stauncher defender of the rights and honour of Mother Church and of her religrous orders can be found, than the Louis Veuillot of the French Canadian Press.
Some of the most interesting studies in the volume are collected under the headings of "Critiques Litteraires" and "Ca et La." Amongst others there is a lengthy and not very flattering review, of Frechette's historical drama, "Papincau,"and several papers on Mr. Parkman as a historian and a bigot.
Such of readers as desire to keep posted on the religious and social questions that interest our neighbours, should not fail to procure Mr. Tardivel's series of Melanyes. The volume just issued is published in paper, at the office of $L a$ V'erite, Quebec, for one doilar.

## BAKING POWDERS.

the latest offichal. tests as to thith relatire purity.
The recent official tests in the States of various articles of food have attracted much attention from the public and caused a wide discussion in the newspapers. The frauds in the manufacture of baking powders, and the determined cfforts to force various brands of alum powders upon the market, have caused the authorities of several of the States to look particulanly after this class of goods. The Ohio State Food Commission has examined thirty different brands, and of these found trenty made from alum. Such a large number was not sus(pected, nor was it supposed that some of the cream of tartar and phosphate powders, whose manufacturers are representing them to the public as pure and wholesome, had become so deteriorated as they were found to be from the use of impure ingredients in their compounding. As many of these adulterated brands are sold in the Dominion, the repurt possesses a local interest.

The Ohio Commission made tests for strength and purity, and declared that baking powder the best-as it was of course the purest-which, being of effective strength, contained residuum in sr .lest quantities. In the baking powders named the following percentages of residuum or inert matter were found:

| Nasie. | residuum, ETC PER CENT. OF |
| :---: | :---: |
| Royal, (Cream of $T$ rtar Powder). | . 7.25 |
| Cleveland's.. | 10.18 |
| Tipp's Crystal (alum). | . 18.99 |
| Sterling. | . . 12.63 |
| Dr. Price's. | . 1266 |
| Jersey (alum). | . 16.05 |
| Forest City (aium) | . 24.04 |
| Silver Star (alum). | .. 31.88 |
| De Land's. | . 32.52 |
| Horsford's (Phosphate). | . 3649 |
| Kenton (alum).. | . 38.17 |

The nature of the residuum bears directly upon the question of health. Tbat in Royal is declared to be perfectly harmless. In the case of the alum powders it is considered hurful, yet the amount found ia three of the cream. of tartar
powders-Cleveland's, Dr. Price's and Sterling-averaged more than that in the Crystal, an alum powder.
The importance of the information conveyed by these figures can be best understood by a simple comparison. Take for instance the two first named powders-the Royal and Cleveland's. The inert matter or residuum found in Cleveland's is seen to be about 3 in 7 nore than in the other, which is a difference of 10 per cent., the Royal being purer than Cleveland's by a corresponding figure the relative purity of all the brands can be computed in like manner.

## CANADIAN CHURCH NEIVS.

Rt. Rev. Ronald Macdonald, Bishon of Harbour (irace, Newfoundland, assisted at High Mass at St. Nichacl's Cathe dral on Sunday.

Premier Mercier, of Quebec, while in Rome hada long private iaterview with the Pope, who evinced deep interest in Cana dian affairs and presented the Quebec Premier with several valuable souvenirs.

## A THOROUGHLY WELL DESERVED REBUKE.

Dr. A. Cloveland Coxo, Episcopalian "Bishop of Western New Youk," is notorious for being aflicted with an irrepres. sible fondness for appearing in print, and j:1st as notorious for almost invariably "puttiug his foot in it" whonever ho indulges in his unfortunato propensity. Quite recently, as our readors have already beon mado amare, he vented his spleen upon Catholics and the Catholio Church in this comutry in some exceedingly malicious and untruthful remarks respecting them, heedless of the fact that ou a number of previous like occasions he had been thoronghly exposed.
Hed he known what was in store for him on this occasion be would probably have ropressed his raucour and kopt silent. light Liev. Mgr. Corcoran's reply to him in the American Catholic Quarterly kevicu' wo have already adverted to as well as reproduced; and unw the Right Reverend Dr. Chatard, Bishop of Vincennes, has answered him in a letter to the Independent, and seldom have we seen the lash apphed with better effect. As regards the loyalty of Auserican Catholics to their country, and the relation of the Cburch to our political institutions, Bishop Chatard puts the matter in a nutshell. In vigorous English ha says iu Dr. Coxa:-
"Next to her fidelity to God, all the affection of that Church is for this, our country. And while the rest of you look hopelessly around ou the surgiug masses, poworless to control them, with no Church authority to speak i.s the name and with the truth of God, sle alone gives the word of safety, curbs passions, lays down the law of sooial life, and the masses hear ber, for they hnow aho is their adviser, their mother. You know as woll as I do that the property holders of America at this moment regard the Catholic Church as the bulwark of society, the only influence capable of resisting the flood of Socialism, ard this through the chazits she has from God, which loves the poor as well as the rich, while her temples, thank God, are the homes of the poor."
Bishop A. Cleveland Coxe and Senstor Blair should go together. "hey are par nobile fratrum. It seems strange that persons occupying as prominent positions before the religions and the political !ublic as they respectively occupy should be so lacking in common sense, not to speals of moral principle, as to give expression to statements so stale and preposterous as they indulge in. They ought suraly to have sufficient intolligeuce to unuerstand that their outrageous untruths obtain credence with none excopt the ignorant, the credulous, and the already hopelessly prejudiced.
"Could I stand beneath the dome of St. Peter's at Rome," said the British historian and statesman, Lord Macaulay, "and read with the faith of a Catholic, the inscription that runs around it, 'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I shall build My Church and the gates of hell shall not prevall aganst 11 , then indeed I could understand more clearly many pages of history that are now quite dark to me."

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