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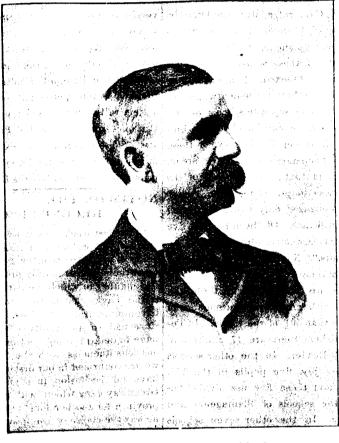
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CANADIAN POET AND LITTERATEUR.

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE AND CAREER.



THOMAS O'HAGAN, M. A., Ph. D.

years gone by, and a consequent admirdo this with the more delight because I future literary fame. Dr. O'Hagan is not only a Canadian, most lively interest in our struggles and, earlier stages by Dr. O'Hagan. on every possible occasion, has, both by

Record says of him: "Thomas O'Hagan, his classes, many of whom are now at-M. A., is one of the rising LITTERATEURS tending Toronto University, will long of Canada, and bids fair to take high remember his clear, bright and happy rank amongst those who have reflected methods of instruction .. credit by their intellectual achievements on their Irish extraction." That prediction of six years ago has been amply Ottawa University, which conferred on verified by the success since achieved by him, in 1882 and 1885, the degrees of Privy Council, before giving their deci-Dr. O'Hagan in the world of letters. He B. A. and M. A. respectively. On the was born in 1855, near Toronto. In his former of these occasions he took honors ing on the case, and it seems but fair County of Bruce, which was then newly and was selected to write the Graduation settled and was still for the most part a Poem. His "Profecturi Salutamus." wilderness. His early education was which was composed for this occasion, obtained in the public school at a time was afterwards warmly praised by the and which, besides, would be interesting In reading, too, there are children in the and existed in complete working order there such rapid progress that, at the age merited and received high praise alike of Manitoba prior to 1890 and the schools they are supposed to have mastered. second class teacher.

From 1870 to 1874 he attended St.

When reading an article of high liter- sible positions in Church and state and Province and always infused some of his ary merit, in a recent number of the all the learned professions in the provown literary enthusiasm into the young imitators would shout themselves hoarse gion, with whom secular education is the Catholic World Magazine, on "Canadian ince of Ontario. In this college Mr. people whom he gathered around him. Poets and Poetry," by Dr. O'Hagan, we O'Hagan was noted for his devotion to felt that that article was incomplete study, and especially for his fondness for that of being a graceful elecutionist. He have come to regard it as a divine in- great an undertaking for any corporaowing to the omission of the author's own languages and literature. Latin, French was trained in the Philadelphia and name from among that goodly company. and German were his favorites among Chautauqua schools and his services as Having had a somewhat extended ac- foreign languages, but he never neglected as exponent of the humorous and quaintance with the learned Doctor, in that most potent of all instruments of pathetic in literature are in wide demandculture, the English tongue and its noble He is also much sought as a lecturer on ation for the indomitable pluck and rare literature. During his academic course literary subjects. skill which have marked all his literary he was a frequent prize winner in Latin achievements, we are happy to give our and English, and even at that time he readers what must, of necessity, be a displayed a fondness for and a proficienshort review of his life and labors. We cy in composition which augured well for

In 1874 Dr. O'Hagan entered the teachbut a Catholic, who has devoted much ing profession, and during the succeeding down from heaven, has not led him to what percentage of the non-Catholic fault, to intellectual starvation. The time and energy to developing and de- nine years he held the Principalship of wander from the paths of single blessedfending Catholic education in the prov-some of the leading Roman Catholic sep-ness. Needless to say, especially to and whether the education they receive have given ample proof of their ability Ontario. We will remember the arate schools of his native Province. readers of his poems, that while the is a fair return for what it costs the to unite in so good a cause and to maininestimable services which he rendered During a considerable part of that time learned Doctor is tooroughly Canadian. to the cause of Catholic education during there was carried on an agitation for he dearly loves the land of his fathers. an agitation for a reform in the Separ- certain amendments to the Act which Few are better acquainted with her ate School laws and regulations in the authorized the establishment and main- blood-and-tear-stained history, and fewer years 1878-79-80. Dr. O'Hagan, in con-tenance of separate schools, the object still have for the Irish cause that projunction with the late lamented Corne- being to enable the supporters of these found sympathy of which only the poetlius Donovan, M A., and a few other schools to avail themselves more fully of ical temperament is capable. One who distinguished Catholic educationists, sat the advantages the law was intended to bas achieved so much in the world of crificed much of his time and ability to confer upon them. In this agitation Dr. letters at the age of forty, and whose better the Separate Schools of Ontario, O'Hagan took an active part, and he works have reached such a well-merited and, even to this day, there is no truer acted in 1878 as President of the first place in the literature of his country, has friend and champion of Catholic Schools | Convention ever held by the separate among the laymen of the Province of school teachers of Ontario. The desired guished career, in which his progress hieroglyphic scrawl which only an ex-Ontario than the subject of this sketch, amendments to the Act were conceded will be watched with kindly interest by Ever since the Greenway Government by the Legislature a few years later, and abolished the Catholic Schools in this the successful issue of the agitation was space does not allow us, in this sketch, to could write correctly three consecutive province, Dr. O'Hagan has evinced a largely due to the work done in its

From 1883 to 1888 Dr. O'Hagan held voice and pen, defended our cause and Classical and Modern Language Masterdemanded justice from our persecutors. | ships in several of the leading High As far back as 1889, King's College Schools of Ontario, and the students of

White engaged in teaching he read the work prescribed for the Arts course in criticism.

Whittier, Charles Dudley Warner, years ago. All this would have been "Singuly number, nomity case, dikity Oliver Wendell Hoimes, J. M. brought out by an investigation. Then, mood, present tense. LeMoine, Sir Daniel Wilson, J. G. Bon- when investigating became a habit, and "The pupils have devoured a gr rinot, G. M. Grant, Lord Dufferin, C. G. D. the foreign countries had been disposed many text-books in studying other sub-Roberts, Louis Frechette, W. Kirby, of to the satisfaction of the fanatics of all jects such as history, geography, geo-Charles Mair, George Stewart and Alex- the provinces, it might occur to some of metry etc., but their combined knowander MacLachlan. He has been a vo. them, that it is not fair to ignore the publedge of all these subjects might be valuluminous contributor to the periodical lie schools of our own country. If these ed at zero, though they can repeat a press, the following Journals, with others, can be shown to work such wonders in good deal of verbiage, which at a public being included in the list of those for the domain of secular instruction as the examination might be taken as evidwhich he has written :- The Canadian credulous are made to believe, it will be ence of great learning." Illustrated News, Canadian Monthly, some consolation to Catholics who are I know from personal observation that Educational Monthly, Educational week- deprived of religious fiberty in order the above would be true of some public ly, Ave Maria, Catholic Reading Circle that their non-Catholic neighbors may schools in different parts of Canada Review, Catholic World, Boston Pilot, enjoy the blessings resulting from "ef- where average results might be expect-Catholic Record, Toronto Globe, and ficient" schools. As it is, there is some ed and where Catholics can be no ob-Donohoe's Magazine. His first volume of Poems, "A Gate of Flowers," has been translated into French in Paris. During the years 1888 and 1889, Dr. O'Hagan ting the masses; yet we find that its gate. Of course the commissioners read the Post Graduate work in the English department of Syracuse University and obtained the degree of Doctor in Philosophy. In 1893-91, he attended lity to use it, a large percentage of the they would also find that the greater Post-Graduate lectures at Cornell Univ- young population have to be educated efficiency of these schools is due to the ersity in the departments of history, the Romance languages and English literature under the eminent Shakespere and Browning scholar, Dr. Corson. He is recognized as an authority in Canadian literary matters, and his article of a few months ago, to which we alluded in the opening sentences of this sketch, on "Canadian Poets and Poetry," contributed to the Catholic World, the foremost Catholic magazine of the United States, was conceded by the Canadian press to be one of the ablest studies of Canadian Poetry that has yet appeared from a Canadian pen.

While teaching, Dr. O'Hagan was instrumental in founding many literary societies in towns in different parts of the

genial and warm-hearted friend, whose before him a wider and yet more distinhis fellow countrymen. We regret that give our readers a review of his poems; but we hope, on some other occasion, to

SOME WORK FOR COMMISSIONS.

To the Editor of the Northwest Review.

ernment made a mistake in refusing to evidently intended to develope the enemies of revelation. appoint a commission to settle the Man- muscles and not the intellectual faculitoba School question. The Lords of the ties. sion, were furnished with the facts bear- pupils it would be almost correct to say olic doctrine. The very contrary is true; childhood his parents removed to the in English, Latin, French and German, that the Greenway Government, in ordder to reverse that decision, should be these children are unable to spell some allowed to investigate or to manufacture facts which have no bearing on the case, when schools of its class, in a new settle- poet Whittier. His Master's thesis had to the public. The most important of lower classes who cannot read one word about three generations before the New ment, were far from efficient. He made for subject the poet Longfellow, and it these "facts" is that the Catholic schools of fifteen, he was able to qualify as a for literary excellence and sound of all Catholic countries in Europe and Dr. O'Hagan's literary activity has state's exercising too little control over parrot might be supposed to do. The Michael's College, in Toronto, a Catholic been incessant. His volume of poems, them, and the conclusion to be drawn first word in a passage is generally a college in affiliation with Toronto Univ- entitled "A Gate of Flowers," has won from this "fact" is that the cause of edu- noun, the second an adjective, the third lows that it must have rested on someersity, many of whose pupils have filled for him an honored place among Can-cation is greatly advanced by the state's a verb, the fourth again a noun and so thing else than that book. That founda-

reason for doubts on this point. The stacle. I have no doubt that several presented as a grand scheme for educa- commission might happen to investimost enthus astic admirers are perfect- would find many public schools in which in voluntary schools. Again, it is the voluntary efforts of individuals or to schools in which a majority, or even a stitute its chief merit. considerable number of the pupils are 1 think it would be a good thing for Catholics, unless the atmosphere is dis- all classes of the community if the true infected by Bible reading, or some reli-state of the public schools were more gious reading sanctioned by Protestant generally known. Catholics would not usage. For, on no other theory could then be inclined to overestimate the we explain the so-called fact that state educational advantages they forego schools attended exclusively by Catholics when they establish Catholic schools. are every where utterly inefficient, while Honest Protestants too would find it Protestant separate schools are a decided success.

The public school system having been mported from a country in which selflaudation is looked upon as the greatest religious liberty, a blessing we all prize of virtues, it was natural that Canadian so highly. Even the enemies of reliin praise of it. This they have done so chief good, might be led to see that the To his other accomplishments he adds persistently that a great many people education of the whole population is too stitution. But apart from empty decla- tion even the state) that knows no form mation there is not a particle of evidence of government but despot sm. Seeing before the public to show that it accom- what voluntary efforts and local enterplishes the purpose for which it is said to have been invented. There is abund- the reputation of the public schools, they ant proof that the cost of the system is Personally Dr. O'Hagan is a true enormous, and, as we are all taxed for it. we have a right to know what the counurbanity and rare gifts of conversation try receives in return. For this purmake him a favorite in social circles. pose a commission might be appointed to Despite his poetic fervor, that celestial examine some of the public schools in rapture, which Emerson says falleth the different provinces and ascertain the thousands now doomed, through its children attending them are educated, Catholics of North America, at least, that will surprise them.

They will find many a school of which national burden. the following would be a true report:

"Eighty per cent, of the pupils are unable to write, but each, guided by instinct, has invented for himself some pert can understand.

"In composition very few of the pupils sentences on a given subject, however easy, even if the rules of syntax were suspended.

"In arithmetic the great majority fail completely in the solution of problems that would be extremely easy for children of the same age who had been trained to think; some of them, however, can Sir,-It is the opinion of many men of manipulate large numbers mechanical-

"In the case of ninety per cent. of the subjects taught; yet the majority of out of three in a paragraph of a book

"Most of the pupils in the grammar and are, to-day, filling, high and respondadian poets on the universal testimony surrendering all control over Catholic on in rotation. To complete the parsing,

of veterans of the literary art like J. G. schools, as was done in Manitoba five they sing after each word the following

Canadian Public school system is re- such schools could be found wherever a ly satisfied with the results produced by good work is being done and every child it in countries in which, through inabi- receiving his due share of attention. But constant boast of the champions of other circumstances entirely independ-'national' schools that a state system of ent of the system, or at least of those education is a failure when applied to features of it which are thought to con-

more difficult to convince themselves that the want of public school enlightment is a greater evil, when Catholics are concerned, than to be deprived of prise are doing in many places to save could not reasonably object to giving the voluntary principle wider scope. Scores of communities could be found quite capable of managing their own educational affairs, thus enabling the state to make more vigorous efforts to educate country. Let the examiners begin with tain schools at little more than half the those schools in which the results, good cost of those nursed by the state. or otherwise, can be credited to the Through ignorance of the facts (let us system as such, and not to causes inde- hope) other denominations, instead of pendent of the system. If they do so I following so good an example unite to venture to predict they will find much impose an additional tax on those who have relieved them of so much of the

Your obedient servant,

ENQUIRER. Regina, Jan. 14, 1896.

THE CHURCH

AND THE BIBLE.

From the N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

A correspondent sends us the following clipping from a lecture published in the Cleveland Catholic Universe, and asks if the statements contained in it яre "true Catholie doctrine"

"Christianity rests on the New Testament; the New upon the Old. With the Bible Christianity stands or falls. Consequently the Scriptures have always sound judgment that the Dominion Gov-ly. Their training in this subject is been the chief object of attack by the

1. It is not true that Christianity rests on the New Testament, and therefore, the assertion that it does is not a Caththat reading and spelling are the only the New Testament rests for its validity. authority, and inspiration on Christianity. It is a historical fact that Christiancommon monosyllables which they use ity, or the Christian Church, was founda hundred times every day in speaking. ed-built on a rock-by our Divine Lord, Testament was completed, and some years before any part of it was written. Now, as the Church of Christ existed. America are inefficient owing to the classes can parse quite fluently—as a teaching and administering means of grace and salvation long before the New Testament came into existence, it fol-Continued on page 3.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Commenting on Mr. Greenway election manifesto, the Catholic Review of New York, very aptly says:

"This appeal to the Protestant ma jority of the electors in Manitoba against the decision of the highest court in the empire is as reasonable as if the Dem ocrats in this country should make the next Presidential campaign on the issue of an income tax after the United States Supreme Court has pronounced that impost unconstitutional. Until the Constitution is altered in both cases, i should be obeyed. The electors of Manitoba are not a court of appeal to re verse the decisions of the Queen's Privy Council. If they are loyal subjects they will obey the law. If they are disloyal they will be coerced into submission."

We translate from La Verite a trib ute to our humble efforts which we value more highly than any other encouragement we have received from friendly contemporaries. The editor of La Verite is a knight of the pen as fearless as he is blameless—un chevalier sans peur et sans reproche. But he is also very hard to please. With him soft soap will not atone for doctrinal errors or even for a Liberal Catholic tendency In fact, if Mr. Tardivel has any faultfor when we call him blameless, we remember he is human-it is that he does not make enough allowance for human frailty. Unstinted praise from the Bayard of the Catholic press is, therefore, almost priceless. We know of no journal in America whose opinion carries wore weight with whole-hearted Catholics than La Verite, and certainly of all our exchanges it is the most uniformly interesting. Others may oc casionally flash up into greater momentary interest ; but La Verite, week in and week out, is always refreshingly new. albeit in no sense a vehicle of news. On trying to analyse the source of this interest evoked by a journal that is as orthodox as an ecumenical council and eschews all sensationalism, we think it due to the eternal freshness of unadulterated truth especially in these days of sickening half-truths and undigested theories.

Some friends of Dr. H. Aubrey Husband aver that either he or his double must have suggested to Beatrice Harraden the Disagreeable Man of "Ships that Pass in the Night." Like Robert Allitsen, he seems to think himself king of his intellectual world-which is even easier in Wawanesa than it was in Petershof—says sharp things in a telling way, and is, at bottom, a large-hearted fellow. This is how the Sage of ament writings. This internal evidence, the word, they are Catholic. Protestants schools, and to receive State aid for Wawanesa begins a letter to the Free though not sufficient to establish the may attend them if they choose, and to them. When this State aid was with-

Mr. Greenway to the head of an obsequious and subservient majority most forcibly emphasizes the necessity that in all states protection should be provided for the minorities. Sent to power of popular excitement against the monopoly clause of the C. P. R. contract and the gross dishonesty of the then Conservative party, Mr. Greenway without any intrinsic merit of his own has been able to maintain his position largely by the support of ignorance and superstition." This must be gall and wornwood to those Greenwavites who are capable of wincing under the Disagreeable Man's lash. Speaking of the conflict-between Catholics and Protestants. headds: "The fighting capacity of the combatants is scarcely equal, for on the one side we see a solid phalanx of unquestioned traditions, on the other side an authority which is daily being weakened by the assault of members of the party which asserts its paramount Dominion. The Bible, on which the Protestant sects take their stand though not one of them can be said to be founded on the book as a whole, but rather on isolated texts—is being subjected to an amount of criticism which is daily becoming bolder." And further on, the Sage thus delivers himself: 'Between the Rationalism, fostered and nourished by the advance of education among the people" [he means godless education]. "and the Catholic church. the Protestant sects are being slowly crushed to death so that in no very long time the contending parties will be Rationalism with [unenlightened] reason as its authority on the one side and the Catholic church with its [reasonable] traditons and the fathers on the other. Torn by dissensions within their ranks how are the Protestant sects to withstand the solid phalanx presented by the Catholic church?" He supplies the answer in such a way as to leave the impression that education is sure to make a people godless. Yes: secular education, spread thin over the masses, will do that. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing" was said long ago. But there are more deep reasonings in the Catholic Church than are dreamt of in the Disagreeable Man's philosophy. A religion which Huxley and Renan dreaded as their most dangerous foe in the field of pure thought, and which is daily winning its way among highly cultured minds can hardly be afraid of true education. The ${\bf Catholic\,Church\,feels\,immeasurable\,pity}$ for the aberrations of men who, like Dr Husband, seem about to grasp the consequences of their own facts when they fly off at a tangent on the wings of the Protestant tradition woven out of anti-Catholic fables.

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Elsewhere we reprint an excellent article on "The Church and the Bible' by the learned and able editor of the N. Y. Freeman's Journal. While heartily concurring in the main argument there so forcibly developed, we have taken the liberty to modify some of his statements as to the historical value of the books of the New Testament, viewed for the sake of controversy, as an uninspired record. The editor of the Freeman says these books, thus viewed, are not more trustworthy than the histories of Livy, Tacitus and Josephus. For Lucian, who was not a historian at all. we have substituted Pliny the Younger, whose letters may be remotely compared to the Epistles of the New Testament. Of the three others, Tacitus is the only trustworthy historian; Josephus was a courtier, feathering his nest; Livy is absurdly uncritical, resting his fame cient heathen historians can compare, in accuracy and obvious sincerity, with Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, James, our additions to the text of the Freeman, on the internal evidence of trust-

writings outside of the Bible. What we may venture to call the face-value of one of these books, the Acts of the Ap-Roman Citizen." His thorough and complete vindication of the historical accuracy of St. Luke is all the more precious as coming from the pen of one who, as he himself tells us, approached the subject with a mind steeped in the hypercritical atmosphere of the Tubingen school. Professor Ramsay proves conclusively that the writer of Acrs deserves a place "among the historians of the first rank;" so that, from a merely human point of view this work aphistory. Nay, the very genuineness of the book leads him to accept in spite of Ontario. They are situated in Anderdon, his expressed repugnance, the miracles it relates. "The marvels," he says, "described in Acts concern my present purthemselves" [from the view-point of interesting for these gentlemen, who sneed contemporary non-religious criticism] "they do not add to, but detract from its versimilitude as history. They are difficulties; but my hope is to show, first, that the narrative apart from them is stamped as authentic, second, that they are an integral part of it . . . You must make up your mind to accept or reject it; but you cannot cut out the hold third class certificates and five teach marvellous from the rest, nor can you believe that either Paul or the writer was a mere victim of hallucination. The marvellous is indissolubly involved with schools with an average attendance of this narrative, and cannot be eliminated." Similar testimony can be borne to netanguishene there are 17 children in all the other historical books of the New Testament, provided one reads them with an unbiassed mind.

FACTS FOR REV. G. W. DEAN.

Rev. G. W. Dean's reply to Mgr. Langevin, we were forced to deal briefly with many of the statements of that gentleman. In paragraph 5 we said:

Mr. Dean coolly affirms that in Ontario "there are thousands of Catholic children who attend Public or Protestant schools in preference to the separate schools." We affirm with equal coolness and more knowledge that this is false. Let Mr. Dean mention places and exact figures, and then we will examine his

As the Rev. gentleman has hitherto gnored our invitation, and as we may charitably suppose he is on the hunt for statistics with which to support his wild assertion, we will help him out with a iew facts. In the first place it is not true to say, as Mr. Dean does, that Catholic children in thousands, or even hundreds, "attend Public or Protestant schools in PREFERENCE to separate schools." We defy THE HISTORICAL VALUE OF THE Mr. Dean to mention one place in Ontario, where Catholics, being strong enough efficiently to support separate schools, neglect to do so. There are, it is true, some rural districts in Ontario, where the Catholics are so sparsely settled that it is impossible for them to have schools of their own, and therefore, they are compelled to attend the schools which Mr. Dean very honestly calls "Public or Protestant schools." It is scarcely fair for the Rev. Mr. Dean to say that Catholics so situated send their children to these schools "in preference to the separate schools."

There is much misunderstanding among many Protestants, even among separate school question in Ontario. Whenever the word "separate" occurs, they set it down as Catholic, whereas in many instances in Ontario the word means "Protestant." According to the chiefly on brilliant descriptions and fine the majority in any school section speeches. But, really, none of the an- establishes a Public school, and the minority, if sufficiently strong, may establish a separate school. In several school sections in Ontario the Catholics Peter and Jude. Hence, we insist, in are in the majority and the school they establish is a Public (Catholic) school, in which the Catholic religion is taught by worthiness to be found in the New Test- | Catholic teachers, and, in every sense of | Catholics were allowed to have their own

without a parallel in any other historical | their consciences, they are usually permitted to enter the school after the religious exercises in the morning and depart before the religious exercises in the ostles, has lately been set forth with evening; but in many instances the Protsome nine [seven] years ago on the wave singular cogency by Professor Ramsay estants have established "Protestant sepin his "St. Paul the Traveller and the arate schools" rather than send their children to the Catholic Public schools. right; but practically they mislead the public by not stating that many of these schools are Catholic schools.

> It may be interesting to these gentlemen, including Rev. Mr. Dean, to learn that the latest report of Hon. Mc. Ross, Piously assuming the principle of wide Minister of Education, mentions ten Protestant separate schools existing under pears to him as an admirable piece of anthority of the Protestant separate school clauses of the Education act of Bromley, Cumbridge, Marlboro, Osgoode Plantagenet, Puslinch, Rama, L'Orignal and Penetanguishene. In 1892 they had pose only in so far as they bear upon the one more of these schools, which has historical effective of the narrative. In since ceased to exist. It might also be at the Catholic separate schools of Ontario, to learn something about the efficiency, or rather inefficiency, of these Protestant separate schools. We are officially told that: "Only seven of the ten possess maps. Out of the twelve teachers engaged, only two hold second class certificates. Of the other ten, five on permits." Not one first class teacher in any of them!

There are 548 pupils in these ten 273; less than 50% of the whole. In Pethe fifth Reader. In the other schools there are just five pupils in the fifth Reader, and these five are divided between the schools of Plantagenet and Puslinch. In the other seven schools In our recent editorial in answer to the there are no pupils so far advanced. This, we submit, is an object lesson to these learned and zealous gentlemen, who never tire of telling us that our schools are far inferior to the Protestant schols. Here are the only Protestant separate schools in Ontario, and here is the status of both teachers and pupils. They are in every respect far inferior to the efficiency attained by the Catholic Public schools of the province of Ontario. We trust that the Rev. Mr. Dean will have the manliness and honesty to correct his statement that "there are thousands of Catholic children who attend Public or Protestant schools in preference to the separate schools." No doubt the Rev. gentleman has read this oft-repeated slander uttered against the Catholics of Ontario; but in view of the actual facts now laid before him, he must, perforce, see the manifest dishonesty of the statement and take the earliest opportunity of correcting, in so far as he can, the false impression which he has created. The Catholics of Ontario, like the Catholics of every other province of the Dominion, excepting, of course, a few soreheads, always prefer Catholic schools for their children. They would be false to every principle of their Church, if they thought or acted otherwise.

"THE CHURCH TIMES" AND THE MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

The following paragraph from the Church Times, a leading organ of the established Church in England, is earnestly commended to the thoughtful consideration of sincere Anglicans in this those who are most friendly to us, on this country. Although the Church Times is somewhat at sea in regard to "the general practice of the Dominion," its remarks on the principle of undenominationalism should have great weight with honest adherents of the Church of Engreading of the Ontario act, the party in | land, did not the local fetish of "homogeneousness" and showy school buildings bar the way to dispassionate thinking.

> "The school question in Manitoba" says the Church Times, "has reached a fresh stage, which promises to be interesting. As we have pointed out before, the Provincial Government has departed recently from the system under which Roman

Privy Council was appealed to, and the claim of the Roman Catholics was upheld. Next, the case was carried to the Dominion Legislature, which advised the Manitoban authorities to reconsider their judgment. The latter have now sent in their final reply, stating definitely that they will not recognize the Roman large numbers of Catholics attend Public seen what the Dominion Legislature will schools in Ontario, they are technically to; whether it will allow a Provincial Government to enforce a system opposed to the general practice of the Dominion. The position of the Manitoba Government exactly resembles that of the Universal School Board party at home. toleration, they are in effect the most intolerant bigots possible. For to force down the throats of people who do not believe in it the form of toleration known as Undenominationalism is to pass the very narrowest and most rigorous Act of Uniformity with all its offensive consequences. We hope that the Churchmen of Canada will do all they can for the relief of the Roman Catholics, and also break up the pernicious educational system which classifies all non-Roman Catholics under the head of Protestants. It should be their aim to establish the fullest recognition of the Denominational principle in the schools of the Dominion."

NOTES ON THE RECENT ELECTIONS.

In our last week's issue we gave the result of the provincial elections, and in doing so intimated that the government owed their success mainly to the shameless manner in which the partisan registration clerks had abused their power in compiling fraudulent lists. We have since had an opportunity of examining more in detail the reports from the various constituencies with the result that we are confirmed in our first opinion and have no hesitation in saying that the Greenway gang which will control the province for another four years are in no way the choice of the people of the country. From all parts comes indignant protests against the tactics pursued by the government to ensure a new lease of power, and the burden of the complaint in all parts of the province is that the voters' lists were compiled apparently for the express and only purpose of securing the result attained and without regard to the rights of the people. In the country districts not only were bona fide voters left off the lists by scores, but the names of dozens of parties who never resided in the various constituencies and who were absolutely unknown to the residents were put on. This was especially the case in the constituencies within easy reach of the city. and numbers of parties left Winnipeg on election day to vote in the districts where their names had thus been dis-Lonestly put on the lists. As an instance of this we would refer to the constituency of Rockwood, where it is contended. and apparently not denied, that the opposition candidate had a majority of those really entitled to vote in the division but was, mainly owing to the cause we have stated, defeated by something like fifty. . As another example of the way in which the election was won we would refer to Winnipeg North. According to the municipal list we understand there should be over three thousand voters in this constituency. As a matter of fact the list for the provincial election contained only twenty-one hundred names. The Nor'-Wester has published a list of many who should have been on but were not, including some of the best known property owners and oldest residents in the north end, and it has been proved that some who took the trouble to go to the registration clerk and give him their applications to be registered, were, notwithstanding, deliberately left off. Bearing this in mind it cannot be reasonably contended that Mr. McIntyre is the representative of the genuine residents in Winnipeg North, and in addition we would point out that despite the small list, some six hundred whose names appeared thereon did not vote, and therefore, only about one-half of those really entitled to vote in the election cast their ballots. What is here said of this constituency applies in a greater or less degrees to all the ridings throughout the province, and proves that the present legislature is not a representative one. The corrupt methods which the present election act not only permits but encourages have been made use of to their fullest extent by the government, and should cause such a storm

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of indignation throughout the province

as would compel a change in the act.

for Steinway, Chickering and Nord-Press of last Friday: "The return of fact of divine inspiration, is simply allow them to do so without violating drawn the Judicial Committee of the for Sheet Music, Strings, etc. Pianos tuned.

CHARGE OF FORGERY.

To the Editor of the Northwest Review. Mr. Edfor,-During the recent Provincial elections we have had a carnival of hatred and misrepresentation preached against Catholics throughout the province by the Greenway Government and its friends. However much I may differ with you on the question of education, I cannot understand why, in the discussion of these difference, it is either necessary or becoming to misrepresent your views or doubt the honesty of your convictions. These misreprespntations often take on an absurdly false coloring at the hands of men who are supremely ignorant of the things they write about. Would you like a sample of what I mean? Here it is: "But you are not aware that at this moment the Roman Catholic church of Manitoba, with the Archbishop at its head, is charged and convicted of forgery in the matter of the Provincial Constitution, a forged one being substituted for the genuine in order to put in a clause favoring parochial schools." The author of this extraordinary statement is a Rev. Donald M. Ross, of San Francisco, who makes it in a letter addressed, through the columns of the San Francisco Examiner, to a priest of your church-a Rev. Mr. Yorke. In his letter this belligerent clerical politician challenges Mr. Yorke to discuss "the facts" of history and the beauties of theology as Mr. Ross understands them.

If his other "facts" are as utterly bad as this one, I am afraid he will come out through the teaching of the Church: of his struggle a thrice vanquished man. Why. Sir. the Provincial Constitution, which the rev. gentleman charges your church and archbishop with replacing by a forged one, is contained in a satute of the Canadian Parliament, confirmed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain. How absurd it is to talk of forgery of an act of parliament, and yet, this San Francisco cleric, by some unexplained process, has actually succeeded, to his own satisfaction, in connecting this impossible crime with the dignitaries of your church.

Wonderful, indeed, are the tales we have heard of the dark deeds of the Roman Hierarchy, the Jesuits and the Papists generally; but I have never before heard them charged with, much less convicted of, substituting forged for genuine statutes of parliament "in order to put in a clause favoring parochial schools." To what absurd lengths of recklessness will not the ignorance and malice of some men carry them? They seem to be quite careless of the disgrace which such falsehoods bring upon the good name of Protestantism.

A DISGUSTED PROTESTANT.

| Note-Ridiculous as Mr. Ross's blunder appears to our correspondent, foothardy as the "political cleric's" taking up such a slander at a distance of three thousand miles without seeking to verify it certainly is, we think we can suggest a plausible explanation. The secular press here, even the Tribune. would not face the ridicule sure to follow on the circulation of such a hoax but judging from a travesty of the school question by a Winnipeg Protestant clergyman, which we saw several months ago in a U.S. Protestant religious organ, we are inclined to believe that Mr. Ross may have found his mare's nest in some obscure fanatical sheet to which the enlightened public has no means of access. To be sure, this does not justify, but, to a certain limited extent, it mitigates his egregious folly. Mr. Ross's informant very likely enlarged upon the already fictitions basis of Mr. F. C. Wade's imaginative pamphlet. Therein Mr. Wade charges Father Ritchot with altering the date of a document, presumably because, if the doonment is authentic, it proves beyond question that the Bill of Rights which Father Ritchot defends really formed the basis of the 1870 negotiations. True, Father Ritchot pointed to the absence of all attempt at concealment as prima facie proof that there was no forgery. True, the same venerable priest solemnly re-affirmed, what he swore to in court in 1874, when separate schools were in full operation, that his was the real bill of rights examined at Ottawa. True, Mr. Wade has since remained dumb as an oyster, while continuing secretly to propagate his exploded slander. True, the entire Manitoba Act appeared in the Dr. Morse's Indian New Nation, of Fort Garry (afterwards Winnipeg) on the 17th June, 1870, and was accepted by the Legislative Assembly seven days later; so that even if the Bill of Rights had been forged, its outcome was solemnly ratified. And yet-ve gods of little fishes !-the baseless chargee of Mr. Wade about one figure, a 3 for an 0, has grown, on its way to San Francisco, into a charge and conviction against the Roman Catholic vincial Constitution. Verily, this is making a mountain out of a mole-hill that has been blown to atoms.—Ed. N.

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tion on which it rested before the New Testament existed, is the same that it has rested on ever since, and will continue to rest on until the angel of eterianity; it was written by ministers of the Christian Church, with whose names we are all familiar. But as a mere uninspired record of events and the opinions of its writers it is not a sufficient basis of faith in revealed truth. Its inhear the Church let him be to thee as a that Christ built and vested with authoruntil this court affirmed its inspiration, the new testament was not the New Testament. Thus the Bible rests on the Church or concrete Christianity, not a knowledge of the Bible as such ment." There is no vicious circle here. others of whom preserved it through the Church. destructive vicissitudes of ages.

But some one will ask: "How can the historical origin of Christianity be established without the New Testament?" By "New Testament" we mean an inspired book. That is what gives it its weight and authority. Viewed as uninspired, it is nothing more than a collection of histories and letters like those of Josephus, Livy, Tacitus But some one will ask: "How can those of Josephus, Livy, Tacitus and Pliny the Younger. In this capacity it is not "New Testament," and has no more authority than the works of trustworthy historians. It is only "New Testament" when the works of trustworthy historians. It is only "New Testament" when the works of trustworthy historians. Stationery, Pictures and Picture Frames, Religious Articles and School Requisites. FRENCH INKS a specialty. Wholesale and Retail. Correspondence solicited. ment," and has no more authority its inspiration is ascertained, and that can

Christ, But though the histories of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, whose inspiration is assumed not to be yet known, are better historical authorities than Livy, Pliny, Tacitus or Josephus, nity calls the muster roll of time. The because they bear intrinsic evidence of New Testament is a product of Christ- being written by men who lived among the scenes they describe and who were transparently sincere and humble; yet this intrinsic evidence is not enough, of itself, to lift them above the plane of remarkably truthful historical records. Taking them, then, as uninspired histbasis of faith in revealed truth. Its inspiration must be affirmed and attested by a competent authority before it can be made a basis of divine faith or the ground of reasonable belief. The onleast competent authority to affirm the inspiration of the New Testament is that divine corporation or church which Christ established to teach and direct us, which He commanded to teach us, and which He commanded us to hear. He said: "On this Rock I will build My authority, power and security from the spiration must be affirmed and attested by its inspiration, then, as uninspired histories, and the bright-derivation of the world capacity they are not. New Testament—we read in them of the bright-derivation of the bright-de said: "On this Rock I will build My authority, power and security from Church; and again: "He that will not error. We look about us and find that corporation still existing. Having found heathen and a publican." This church it by means of certain histories, we accept it, bow to its authority, and profess ity and power to teach is the only judge a readiness to hear and obey. The coror court to determine what books are in- poration then directs our attention to spired of God and what are not. Hence the histories we have been reading and tells us that they are more than histories, that their writers were directed and protected from error by Almighty God. that He is their real author. Then, and Christianity on the Bible. Men come to only then, do we have the "New Testa-And thus it is that the New Testament, and they come into possession of the as the Word of God, rests on the author-New Testament through the labors of ity of the Church; and thus it is that her ministers, some of whom wrote it. Protestants get their Bible from the

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- 2 Septuagesima Sunday-Solemnity of the Purification.
- 3 Monday-Transferred Feast of the Purification of Our Blessed Lady. Commemoration of St. Blasius.
- 4 Tuesday-Prayer of Ovr Blessed Lord in the Garden.
- 5 Wednesday-St. Agatha, Virgin and Commemoration of Dorothy.
- 6 Thursday-St. Titus, Bishop.
- Friday-St. Romuald, Abbot, Founder of the Order of Camaldules
- s Saturday-St John of Matha, Founder of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives.

CITY AND ELSEWHERE.

We regret to hear that Mr. E. Lloyd. lumber merchant, of St. Boniface, is seriously iil.

Mr. M. McManus has returned from his trip to Dulute, St. Paul and other United States cities.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Patterson will visit the Industrial School at St. Boniface to-morrow afternoon.

The address delivered by President A. H. Kennedy to the members of the Catholic Truth society has been printed in leaflet form.

A meeting of Branch No. 38 of the C. M. B. A. Relief association is called for Thursday evening at the hall over the Academy of the Immaculate Conception.

We were glad to meet Mr. Hugh Gillies on the street one day this week, and to learn that he is rapidly recovering from the effects of his recent accid-

Yesterday at St. Boniface, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Mager celebrated their silver wedding. Their many friends assembled and presented them with appropriate gifts.

The collection taken up at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday of last week in support of the Ladies' Aid society resulted in the addition of a considerable sum to the funds.

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Solemn Requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of the mother of our proof was given of the soundness and archbishop was celebrated at St. Mary's thoroughness of the methods employed on Tuesday, Father Guillet being the celebrant. His Grace was present, and there was a large congregation.

We are glad to learn that Miss Killeen, whose serious illness was referred to in been very much annoyed by a rumor ever special talents they may possess. snows the care and pains the Dr. Wilcirculated by a business rival that she intends giving up business and for the intends giving up business and for the information of her numerous customers we are asked to state that this is absolutely without foundation.

Active preparations are being made for the entertainment to be given by Prof. Walker for the benefit of St. Boniface hospital, commencing Monday evening, February 3rd. The pro-gramme will be a varied one. Each night will see a new array of talent. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are to appear in dance will be presented each evening.

On Sunday evening the Rev. Father Cherrier gave the second of the series of instructions on matrimony and we were glad to see a very large congregation present on the occasion. He spoke from the words "My son take counsel, and thou shalt not repent what thou hast ' and in eloquent language ne shewed how important it was that those who contemplated entering the married state should take advice from their superiors; the experience of years enabling him to say that many wretched unions would be prevented if this advice was more generally and religiously followed.

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THE CATHOLIC

TRUTH SOCIETY Important Meeting To-morrow Evening.

The Rev. Father LaRue, S. J., of St Boniface College, will deliver an address to the members of the Catholic Truth Society at their meeting to be held at their hall on Water street on Thursday evening. The announcement, we are sure, will be sufficient to inducea large number to attend.

Clandeboye Bay.

On the 19th inst., a sort of pantomine was held in the school room to augment the funds in aid of the chapel. The entertainment was gotten up by a gentieman from St. Jean Baptiste, assisted by three Clandeboye young men. It was well carried out and gave the audience plenty of occasion to laugh.

Miss Agatha Tucker who has come to say good-bye to her sister before leaving St. Eustache for Lake Dauphin was present, also Mr. Letourneau from St. Eustache.

The weather at present is at least seasonable, if a low temperature be considered such for the month of January.

Fishing is still zealously carried on in the lake and fish are selling well, particularly perch.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ACADEMY.

An Entertainment Given by the Pupils.

On Thursday evening the pupils of the Academy of the Immaculate Conception the case of Fullord vs. McGahey was heard. It consisted of a motion for an treated their parents to a very pleasant evening's entertainment. The programme comprised vocal and instrumen- be Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale tal muscial selections, recitations and dialogues, and we can safely say that not one in the audience went home without feeling more than ever satisfied with the progress of their little ones under the direction of the devoted teachers. It is not many weeks ago that we were present at the annual examination of these pupils when most convincing in instructing them in the mystries of the ordinary branches of education, and on Thursday evening we had before us equally good evidence that the training they are receiving will not only tend to make them good business men and that in all probability she will soon make them good business men be quite well again. She has lately and women, but will also develop whatfact that there are some very promising voices amongst the pupils and we would preserve the reputation of their famous especially mention Nellie Tobin, Laura Pink Pills. and Edna Landers, Henrica and Mary Boes, whilst the excellent time kept in the chorus parts and the good tone produced was a revelation to the audience and spoke volumes for the pains taken by and the efficiency of those in charge. Not less interesting were the performan new role as half of each entertain ances on the piano of Emma Cloutier. It is not less the piano of Emma Clo thoroughly enjoyed the spirited and wrought by the use of this great medi-Picard and Harold Hinds with a minor simply wonderful. part by Leo Russell. Equally good was number of the girls took part all of them giving evidence of a degree of ability which was surprising in such youthful performers, Irene Connell's representation of Dottie calling for special mention as it was really a very clever piece of acting and declamation. Lizzie Klink- genuine Pink Pills. Hence the pains he nammer kept the audience in a high takes to sell the imitation. state of amusement with her character spoke learnedly of the values of her specifics for curing every ill which flesh public that the genuine Pink Pills is heir to. To sum up we would say can only be purchased in one formthat we have never been present at a The new organ at the Church of the more enjoyable entertainment and our

Translation of an Article Entitl ed "Le Northwest Review" From La Verite.

Among our exchanges there is none that we read with more attention, profit evening. The members of the choir weekly review of modest appearance, able to do this is telling an untruth. have been practising for some weeks but of great merit. Always edited with Bear this in mind and refuse all pills

Its sphere of action in the political and the ingredients of the genuine Pink Pills social world is very important. It is the and is only trying to sell you some only Catholic journal published in Eng- other pill, because he makes more lish west of Toronto on Canadian terri- money on its sale. tory. It is the only organ of Catholic dian West, the language of the majority; protecting both the public and themthe only one that can make itself per- selves, against these unscrupulous imifeetly understood by that majority; the tators, and will always be thankful to only one that can effectively answer the have things all their own way if, by any mishap, the Northwest Review were to disappear.

Our excellent Winnipeg contemporary, though catering more especially for the English-speaking Catholics, is always on expense entailed in sending us the inthe best of terms with the French-Canadians. It must powerfully contribute to keep up among the Manitoba Catholies of both tongues that harmony and cure when all other medicines fail. union which are noticed among our coreligionists of the West, and are particularly necessary for them at this cr.tical

The NORTHWEST REVIEW is now in its eleventh year, and we trust it may long continue its eminently useful career.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

A VICTORIA COUNTY (ONT.), PED-DLER BEFORE THE COURTS.

Detected in Selling a Pink Colored Pill. Which he Represented to be Dr. Williams' Pink Pills-The Court Grants a Perpetual Injunction Restraining Him From Offering an Imitation of This Great Medicine-Some Facts the Public Will do Well to Bear in Mind.

In the High Court of Justice yesterday morning, before Mr. Justice Meredith, injunction to restrain Fred. McGahey from selling a pill which he claimed People. Mr. Douglas E. Armour appear ed for the plaintiffs and stated that the defendant had been peddling these goods about Victoria County, claiming them to be Dr. Williams genuine Pink Pills. It was impossible, however, on the face of it, that they could be genuine, as he sold them greatly below what they cost at wholesale price. The defendant had given consent. Mr. Armour said that the motion should be changed to one for judgment against him. No defence was offered, and his Lordship gave an order for judgment restraining McGahey from continuing to vend the article as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

The above paragraph, taken from the legal columns of the Toronto Globe of the 15th inst., contains a warning which every person in Canada in need of a Catholic Prayer Books A WHOLESALE medicine will do well to heed, and tect the public from imposition, and to

It is only a medicine that possesses more than usual merit that is worth imitation. Ordinary medicines are not subject to that kind of treatment, as there is not sufficient demand for such medicine to make it worth while.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale manly way in which a dialogue entitled eine has e given it a name and a fame Whose Turn" was given by Joseph which has made the sale of Pink Pills

It is because of this great merit, and "Dottie's Dream," a dialogue in which a the consequent enormous demand for the medicine, that it is being imitated by unscrupulous persons in various parts of the country. The imitation is cheap, usually worthless, and is only pushed because the imitator can make more money by its sale than he can by the sale of the

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Company sketch of a quack doctor in which she annually spends thousands of dollars endeavoring to impress upon the namely in packages enclosed in a wrapper (or label), which bears the full trade Immaculate Conception will be heard for thanks are due to the good Sisters for mark, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People." No one can buy them in any other form, not even if they offer many times their weight in gold for them. And yet in the face of these continuous warnings there are people confiding enough to permit some unscrupulous dealer to convince them that he can supply them Pink Pills in loose form by the dozen or ficiate at the organ. There will be special and pleasure than the Northwest RE. hundred, or ounce, or in some other kind music at the offertory, and again in the view, published in Winnipeg. It is a of a box. Any one who pretends to be

misrepresentation, for he does not know

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Company thought that speaks, in the vast Cana- is determined to spare no expense in receive information concerning any one Protestant and non-Catholic journals of who offers to sell an imitation Pink Pill the victims of intemperance. The only that region. The latter would indeed purporting to be Dr. Williams' Pink genuine Evans Cure west of Montreal Pills, or "the same as" the genuine Pink Pills. Such cases will be investigated by the company's detective and the name of the person giving the information will not be made public, while any formation will be promptly refunded.

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