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"This is Catholic; proclaim it, ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

Thursday—St. Anthony, Abbott.
Friday—St. Peter in Rome.
Saturday—St. Canute, Martyr.
Sunday—II. after Epiphany. The Most Holy Name.
Monday—St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr.
Tuesday—St. Vincent and Anastasius, Martyrs.
Wednesday—Esposals of the Blessed Virgin.

Current Topics.

Mr. Blair, the Minister of Railways, has made a Commission, the important announcement that he intends to present a bill to Parliament providing for the appointment of a permanent Railway Commission, to consist of three persons, with power to deal with all matters now dealt with by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, and now decided by the Minister of Railways, as well as all matters relating to rates on railways.

His Grace the archbishop of Quebec has given his judgement in the matter of the shoe trade strike. It provides for a Board of Complaint and Conciliation, composed of employers, and finally a Board of Arbitration, composed of three members, one to represent the employers, one the workmen, and the third to be chosen by the board. The boards will be permanent, and shall be selected by the first day of February next. The awards shall be final. Regarding the shoe-makers' Union, his Grace says the right to organize is material, and will always exist. He adds: "I cannot approve the aforesaid constitution and regulations without their having undergone a certain number of modifications."

It is estimated that La Grippe, from 150,000 to 200,000 persons in New York city are ill with the grippe. According to the records of the Board of Health sixty persons have died of grippe in this city since January 1. Dr. Dillingham, of the Board of Health, says it is a more deadly disease than smallpox. During the year 1899, when grippe first became epidemic, 5,000 people in New York died of it. This was increased to 6,000 in 1901 and 1902, after which years the death rate from this cause decreased each year to 2,000 in 1903-04. The State health authorities then thought it had run out, and were surprised at its general prevalence in 1909-1910. In that year it caused nearly 12,000 deaths, starting in with 600 in December, 1,000 in January, 2,250 in February, 3,500 in April, 1,500 in May, 400 in June. Last year the epidemic of this disease was worse than ever.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen License Commissioners under the provisions of the liquor license act for the undermentioned license districts: North Braant—Christopher Barker, Justus Vandorff, Goo. V. Brown, Cardwell—James Surherland, Donald Ferguson, Patrick Rowan, West Durham—Robert Phillips, William Fallin, Wellington Foster, Lennox—Albert Edward Paul, James Conrad Huffman, Henry Sidney Davy, East Middlesex—John Kennedy, Joe McDougall, Daniel McIntyre, North Renfrew—Andrew McLean, Isidor Martin, John Beaufre, West Simcoe—John Brackenridge, Joseph Hood, Charles Livingston, East Wellington—Donald McMurtry, Peter Dow, Malcolm S. McNiven, North Wentworth—Robert Ferguson, John Burke, John K. Hopkins.

It is rumoured in London that Lieut.-Gen. Sir Commander, William Francis Butler, who commanded at Aldershot pending the resumption of that command by Gen. Redvers Buller on his return from South Africa, will succeed Gen. Lord William Seymour as commander of the forces in Canada.

General Butler is not an entire stranger to Canada, having served in this country in 1870. He entered the 60th Regiment in 1858. He served in the Ashanti war in 1874, and in the Zulu campaign of 1878-79. He was in Egypt in 1882 and in 1884-5, and was in command of the troops at Alexandria from 1890 to 1893. He was in command of the north-eastern district from 1893 to 1898, held command in South Africa, 1898-99, and is now in command of the forces in South Africa.

and conveyed valuable information regarding the plans and strength of the Boers to the War Office. He is an enthusiastic sportsman and explorer, and has contributed valuable additions to literature. He married Elizabeth Southerton Thompson, who ranks as one of the greatest painters of war scenes in world.

It is very probable that Chinese a test case will be submitted to the court, so as to decide the question of jurisdiction arising out of the Chinese and Japanese Immigration Act of the Province of British Columbia, which is modelled on the Natal Act. It is generally conceded that the province cannot interfere with the Chinese, since the Dominion has already legislated on this subject, and in all cases where the Dominion and provinces have concurrent powers the latter cannot override the former. But as to the Japanese, that is another matter, since the Dominion has not acted. This is one of the subjects which Premier Dunsmuir and Attorney-General Eberts of British Columbia, who are now in Ottawa, will discuss with the Premier and Minister of Justice. The granting of a charter to the North Central railway to reach the coal fields of the Crow's Nest pass, a direct line between the Kootenays and the Pacific coast, and the extension of the railway to the north end of Vancouver Island, and some scheme for joint action on the part of the Dominion and the provo to develop the mineral resources, will also come up for consideration.

THE DELPIT CASE.

Archbishop Bruchet's Pastoral letter.

According to the annual licensee report of Ontario Statistics, the total number of liquor licenses issued last year was 3,000, as compared with 8,040 for the year previous, and 8,128 for 1898. The revenue derived by the province last year was \$902,819, an increase of \$48,200 over \$850. The amount paid to municipalities by license-holders was \$20,490, as against \$22,580 in the year previous. These figures do not include \$14,899 paid in fines for violations of the law. The amount of fines collected in this city was \$2,440, as against \$2,647 in 1899. The number of commitments for drunkenness showed an increase of 486 over the previous year, numbering in all 2,077, as against 1,592 the year previous. In the matter of commitments for drunkenness they were the most numerous since 1893. During the last five years, however, the average number of commitments has been nearly 80 per cent lower than the average for the previous five years. The commitments to York County gaol for drunkenness last year were 1,031, as against 673 in 1899. There were 24 transfers of licenses in this city, and two renewals. The city paid to the province \$68,184 of the licensee fees, as against \$87,001 the year before.

The negotiations toward the formation of another American iron and steel combination, which have been carried on recently in London, has reached a point where their culmination became practically assured.

The companies intending to amalgamate are the Canadian Steel Company, the Lake Superior Power Company, the American Sheet Steel Company, the Ota Steel Company, the Pittsburg Steel Company, and the Wellman-Searor Company of Cleveland. Combined with these, if the deal is completed, will be several English firms, which will take part in the enterprise financially and commercially. It is the intention of the projectors to erect plants at various places, with the Wollard canal as an outlet. The object is to minimize expenditures, and acting with the English co-operators to secure markets here and elsewhere. The project may be termed an English-American-Canadian combination to take advantage of existing opportunities. It is freely discussed in the English press. The reason for holding the meeting in London was that English capital and trade are desired. The capitalization has not yet been decided upon.

As the result of envoys in authoritative quarters, the following statement in regard to the Chinese situation is given:—"The Chinese plenipotentiaries have signed the joint note, thus concluding the preliminary stage of the negotiations." It was added that this important step was insignificant compared with the difficulties to be met with between the powers themselves, whose clashing interests will have full play in the coming discussions.

persons to shift the cost of the negotiations is finding no favor in the European Chancelleries. It is considered a great mistake to transfer the negotiations from China, where all information is at hand respecting the situation and the feeling among the Chinese themselves, and more especially regarding the condition of trade and commerce with which the negotiations will be chiefly concerned. The feeling favours Shanghai, if any change is made, as it is pointed out that Shanghai is the most important trade centre in China, and moreover, that the southern Viceroys, who are favourable to foreigners, and anxious to further trade, could make their influence felt. Failing Shanghai, Berlin or Paris are likely to be chosen. The enormous British interests are in favour of the choice of London, but it is improbable that the other powers will agree to this. The Ministers of the powers will be assisted in the negotiations by commercial advisers, while Prince Ching and Li-Hung-Chang will continue to act for the Chinese Government. There is no reason to suppose that Russia will withdraw from the joint negotiations. The treaty has concluded with China concerns her special interests in regions contiguous to her territories, but she has great political interests to defend and further in the joint conference, which will bristle with obstacles to a speedy settlement.

Another consequence, since marriage is nothing but a contract elevated to the dignity of sacrament, is that the contracting parties are themselves ministers of this sacrament: this priest appears there, in point of view of validity, only as a witness demanded and authorized by the Church in order to receive the consent of the parties in cases upon three trees protest, where the Council of Trent has been published. As to the countries where the decree of the Council concerning clandestine marriage is not in force, the marriage contracted clandestinely, that is to say, without the presence of the proper cure (clergyman) and of two witnesses, although illicit, is valid and consequently there is a sacrament.

CHURCH CAN-PLACE IMPEDIMENTS

IV.—The church has the right to place impediments to marriage, either prohibitory or invalidating, that is to say, impediments which render it illicit or null. If anyone says that only the impediments of consanguinity and affinity mentioned in Leviticus can be an obstacle to the contracting of marriage, and that they alone can invalidate it once it is contracted, and that the church cannot dispense with some of these impediments, let him be an atheist. (Council of Trent, sess. xxv., can. 3.) Not only does the Council of Trent affirm this right which the church has received from its Divine founder, with universal tradition recognizing it, and which it has enjoyed since its origin, but in the same 24th session it chose to exercise it in a solemn and hitherto unexampled manner by declaring as null clandestine marriage, that is to say, as we have just explained, marriages celebrated without the presence of the proper cure (clergyman) and two witnesses. Let it be remarked, in thus establishing invalidating impediments to marriage, the church in no way infringes on the substance of the sacrament, which would surpass the limits of the authority with which Jesus Christ has invested it, for if marriage has become a sacrament, it has not ceased to be a contract, and as we have said above, there is a sacrament only in so far as there is a contract. Now it is in the nature of contracts to be, for just reasons, submitted to the social authority, which can make the validity of them dependent upon certain conditions of positive law, demanded by the welfare of the community to which the individual welfare must be subordinated in a large number of cases at least.

"With marriage are connected the interests of nature, of God, of the individual and of society. It is therefore very important to know the teachings of the Church relative to marriage, the nature of the rights which it possesses in this matter, and the obligations which flow from those rights, either for the faithful or for the civil power. The subject is all the more timely, because within the past few weeks decisions of ecclesiastical authority inconsiderately made public have given rise to writings which contain grave errors and injurious accusations with regard to the Church. That is, why it is our duty to expose to you to-day certain points of Catholic doctrine upon marriage, with their consequences, theoretical and practical.

MARRIAGE A SACRAMENT.

V.—Marriage, a divine institution, which founds the family, and with the family the Christian nation is a thing holy in itself, especially since Jesus Christ has elevated it to the dignity of a sacrament by the law. If anyone says that marriage is not, truly and properly speaking, one of the sacraments of the Gospel law, instituted by our Saviour Jesus Christ, but that it is a human institution, and that it does not confer grace, let him be an atheist. (Council of Trent, sess. xxv., can. 1.) Two Holy Scriptures (Ephes. v.) indicate clearly enough the dogmatic truth defined by the Holy Council of Trent, and Christian tradition, as well as the constant practice of the church, eastern and western, that it is a sacrament.

CONTRACT AND SACRAMENT IDENTICAL.

VI.—In Christian marriage, the natural contract and the sacrament are one and the same thing. Whatever may be the opinion of certain theologians of the last centuries upon the subject of the distinction between the contract and the sacrament, it is certain that to-day such an opinion cannot be held, for the Sovereign Pontiff Pius IX. and Leo XIII. in particular, the first in a letter dated September 10, 1873, to the Holy See, and the second in his letter dated June 1, 1879, against civil marriage, and in his encyclical letter Aeterni patrum, in the sense of a complete identity, it is therefore not permissible to distinguish between the contract and the sacrament in order to submit the former to the civil authorities and to make only the sacrament valid to the contracting parties.

or one of them. Moreover, when the marriage was celebrated before a priest or two witnesses, if this priest is not the proper cure (clergyman) or one of the two contracting parties, or a priest delegated by the cure or ordinary, the marriage still is null, and that always for the same reason, because it was not celebrated according to the prescriptions of the Council of Trent. The bad faith or the good faith of the party is in this matter counts for nothing as regards the validity or the nullity of the marriage, validity or nullity, which depends solely on the accomplishment or the omission of the conditions set by the Holy Evangelio on the celebration of Christian marriage in the countries where the decree was promulgated. It is therefore, a grave error to say, When a man has sworn love and fidelity to a woman, it matters not before a Catholic, Anglican, Greek or Mormon minister, the witness influences in no way the value of the contract. On the subject of clandestine marriages there are very important remarks to be made here, and one which will throw a light on the famous matrimonial case which has aroused so much regrettable discussion in certain Catholic and Protestant papers of Montreal. In consequence of the constitutions of the Sovereign Pontiff there are three countries, and Quebec is one of them, where, in spite of promulgation of the Council of Trent, people hold as valid marriages celebrated clandestinely between two parties, of whom one is a Catholic and the other not baptized a Catholic. The marriage of a Catholic and of a baptized Protestant, or vice versa, celebrated before a Protestant minister, although gravely illicit and condemned by the censures of the church, is, however, a marriage validly contracted in the eyes of the church itself. Once consummated this marriage cannot be broken by any power on earth. Death alone will give liberty to the surviving party; but to judge if one of the parties is truly heretical, to declare when a Catholic, practically renouncing his faith, becomes heretical to the outward tribunal of the church, especially in that which concerns the sacrament of marriage, that belongs alone to the ecclesiastical tribunal, and the civil power cannot mix in this matter without surpassing the limits of its jurisdiction, and without usurping a right which Jesus Christ has confined only to His church.

XIV.—The church cannot dispense with impediments invalidating by natural or Divine positive law, but it can dispense with its own impediments prohibiting or invalidating, as every Legislature can dispense with its own laws.

The church uses this power only in exceptional cases and for grave reasons, of which it alone is the judge. The ordinaries of the dioceses, by demanding with the permission of Rome an alibi on the occasion of dispensation of unmarriage, in no way sells this dispensation, as it is sometimes said. It imposes this alibi simply upon those who are in a condition to pay it for a pecuniary or a commutation. Moreover, how many times the alibi is not demanded because the contracting parties are too poor to give it; how many times a small portion of it only is demanded? That which proves that the alibi counts for nothing in the concession of the dispensation is that if the reasons alleged are false the dispensation is null.

CALVIN QUOTED.

X.—Matrimonial cases are amenable only to ecclesiastical tribunals. This proposition is the necessary corollary of the Catholic teaching upon the elevation of marriage to the dignity of a sacrament, for the church alone can judge every case concerning the sacraments and their administration. That is what Calvin himself admits when he says: "From the moment that Catholics have obtained the recognition of marriage as a sacrament they have appropriated to themselves the cognizance of marriage cases, for a spiritual thing cannot be brought before profane judges." The Council of Trent also declared: "Let him who says matrimonial cases belong not to ecclesiastical judges be anathema!" Having quoted at length from the letter of Pius VI. to the Bishop of Alençon to the same effect, the circular says it is the teaching of universal history. Napoleon I. addressed himself to Pius XII. when he wished to break the marriage of his brother Jerome. The State cannot, therefore, establish impediments invalidating marriage at least between Christians, nor dispense with the impediments established by the church. Neither can it directly or indirectly strike a blow at the sacrament of marriage, and consequently cannot annul the natural contract without which there is no sacrament.

XV.—Every marriage contracted knowingly with an impediment prohibited by ecclesiastical law and without dispensation of ecclesiastical authorities is illicit.

XVI.—Every marriage contracted with an impediment invalidating by natural law, if the dispensation has not been obtained from competent religious authorities, is null from the beginning. The judgment which the church may render later on such a marriage is, therefore, a simple declaration of its nullity, that is to say, in the absence of a legitimate contract, not a judgment which breaks a marriage really existing. If such a marriage was contracted in good faith, no dishonor redounds on the parents or on the children the issue of such marriage. Beside, all the contracting parties have to do to make their position regular is to renew their consent, after having received a dispensation from the impediment in question, which the church never refuses under such circumstances. If, therefore, the parties do not wish to make valid again their marriage, they alone are responsible for the painful consequences which follow from such refusal either for themselves or for their children.

XVII.—To the allowance for board, which for cases of separation rendered necessary in consequence of such refusal should be paid either to the wife or to the children, the civil tribunal can see to it, its ecclesiastical authorities having practically no jurisdiction in this matter in the present state of our society. In short, it is one thing to say that there may be an obligation of justice and of charity for one of the contracting parties to renew consent in the case of a marriage which is null in consequence of an impediment invalidating by ecclesiastical law; it is another thing to pretend that this marriage can be null by reason of the unhappy consequences

which follow such a kind action. One may pity the sad lot of a woman and of children, by the refusal to consent to a repudiation of the marriage when such is possible, but the nullity or the validity of a contract ought not to be confounded with a question of sentiment. If there were such a thing it would be necessary to declare valid a marriage contracted in good faith between a brother and a sister, who, having never been acquainted, met each other, loved, and married in consequence, from the point of view which we take, would be absolutely the same.

THE QUESTION OF ALMS.

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THE GLOBE.

Our Weekly Sermon

"Blessed are the Poor in Spirit"
Mgr. Croke Robinson.

The Right Rev. preacher in his introductory sermon dealt with the Spirit of Humility, taking as his text "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" (Matt. v. 3.) The Right Rev. preacher said, My dear brethren, an obligation seems to rest on the shoulders of the Catholic apologists at the present moment. You doubtless know that two solemn events are being celebrated this great year—the Jubilee of the offering of universal homage to our Divine Redeemer. An authority has chosen me to be one of the Holy Year preachers, and it rests upon me to prepare the minds and hearts of the people for these great events. I cannot regard the present day state of things, but with pain, the world at large notwithstanding Redemption and Regeneration. It is still evident to its great spiritual obligations. That is precisely the misery of the age—indifference. A man now says, "Do what you like and let me do what I like, let me alone and I will let you alone." It is mainly on account of just such a state of thought as this that the Vicar of Christ has decided to institute this great Act of Homage to our Divine Lord. Let us consider now the state of things when Christ is the Divine Teacher first opened His Revelations. All along the ages before the coming of our Divine Lord religion, of course, existed but it was a mere tassel as compared with its later fulness and glory. Greek wisdom could never obtain an answer to the question, "Whence come I, whither do I go, and wherefore am I here?" The world wanted, and looked forward to a Divine teacher. It is the desire of all nations, and He has come. It is the supreme moment. And what does St. Matthew say?—Seeing the great multitude He went up into the mountains, and when he was set down, His disciples came up, and He opened His mouth and taught. St. Matthew saw the momentousness of this. What a tremendous moment it was.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," these were the first words Our Blessed Lord spoke. Let us see what is the real meaning of them. Brethren, Our Lord came to do and to teach. What a marvellous expression of St. Luke's—to do! Thirty-three years were spent by Our Divine Lord in Nazareth in doing what He was now teaching—"Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit." What was the fail of man but the pride of man?—pride which has become part of every man descended from Adam. The condition of things which Our Divine Lord came to regenerate and the consequences of the Fall resolved themselves thus. God, after the Fall, had allowed men to fall back and be a law unto himself. Adam and Eve were created in subjection to the will of God, and thus established the right relationship between God and man. But God took away this, and let man be a law unto himself.

It is pride that chiefly distinguishes the unregenerate man from the regenerate. All over the world to-night men are saying, "I am responsible for my reason, and what is the use of unless I employ it?" The opinion has spread that every man should act by his own reason alone, and should resent any interference with it. There is nothing a man likes so much as his own opinion, he loves it better even than a balance at his banker's. In the order of Truth to-day a man arrogates to be a law unto himself.

It is the time in the realm of Morality, men profess to have the unquestioned right to abide by the teachings of their own conscience. This is the state of all outside the Church of God and of many of you in it. Each man says, Let me be a law to myself, and let me have liberty of conscience." I am not blaming you, dear brethren, at the moment for holding such opinions, but I want to explain to you, as far as possible the fallacy of these latter day claims.

Let us, as an object lesson, take a work meritorious of eternal reward. I hear people ask, "What work is meritorious of eternal reward?" The Catholic Church teaches that no merit can accrue to anyone, not even Our Blessed Lady herself, unless through the merit of the blood of Christ on the Cross, a meritorious work in you or me is a Christ-work. We are at one on that point, at least, thank God. A meritorious act, one that obtains its virtue from the merits of Christ, is the outcome of and is dependent on three things—the thought of doing it, the inclination, and the act itself. The thought of doing does not come from the reason alone, and unless the grace of God is present, the thought does not come. I am accustomed to illustrate this important

truth in a very simple way—in speaking to the people I like to speak plainly. Well, I take the case of two men, two wicked men say, who are both Catholics, and both men who have neglected their religion. We will say one John, has the grace of God, and the other, Charles, has not. What example will be taken to try them? We will take a very ordinary sight. One day Charles, who is without the grace of God, sees a funeral, and he says, "That is £10 worth. What curious horses those are!" And so he talks and walks on. John also sees the funeral, and what does he do? (He has, let it be remembered, the grace of God within him.) He says sorrowfully, "Oh, my time will come, too, I may be taken off in my life. He could not think this without the grace of God. A force from God has touched his reason and persuaded him that if he continues in his evil life he will inevitably go to Hell. Grace has come to him, and he is afraid.

What is the next essential for a work of eternal merit—penitence. And what does our example say? He says, "I will go to confession next Saturday. He has the intention of going. And now see the enormous necessity of the grace of God. Tuesday comes and he says, "I don't feel very anxious to go on Saturday." "Oh, go," pleads his wife with him. On Wednesday he is still more unwilling. Yet he finally resolves to go; is this due to his wife's entreaty alone? No, it is an effect of the grace of God. With terrible torture he finds his way to confession. What has brought him there? Again it was the grace of God. Oh, my brethren, see the necessity for the grace of God. Let your prayer be that everything be taken from you but that holy spirit.

The grace of God is given to man in the order of Truth, and he says, "I will follow my own reason in spite of everything." Then grace comes, He feels no misgiving. This misgiving gets stronger as time goes on, and he becomes dissident. The grace of God works its holy reformation in this proud spirit. He begins to doubt, and finally takes the other side, and sees that abnegation to Divine authority and truth is best. He loses his arrogance of spirit, and seeks a tougher. This is true purity of spirit.

And it is in the order of Conscience as it is in the order of Truth. With out grace man says, "I know very well what is wrong and what is right without instruction." But grace works a change in doing away with the undue self-confidence, and he becomes a humble son of the Church, prepared to be guided by her teaching. Brethren, blessed are the poor in spirit in the department of conscience.

There is another consideration. As man's thought is directed to the inestimable sanctity of God, there comes the reflection, "If God is so holy, how can I, a miserable sinner, ever approach His sacred presence?" Most of us here to-night are sinners, either venially or mortally. Sin weighs upon us, as upon this contrite man, like a mighty load. The desire for freedom from sin is one of the greatest efforts of grace. In this great department of Conscience comes the awful feeling of guilt—I pity you if you have it, and I pity you still more if you have not had it. What is the remedy for this woeeful condition of sin? The remedy is entirely comprehended in these splendid words, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."

ENGLISH HIERARCHY ON LIBERAL CATHOLICISM.

Cardinal Vaughan and all the English Catholic Bishops issued on the Feast of the Martyred St. Thomas of Canterbury, a joint Pastoral Letter on Liberal Catholicism. They state that among the blessings of the existing century none has been more consolatory than the peaceful growth and expansion of the Catholic Faith in England. But, though the storms of persecution have blown over, other dangers of a more insidious character, such as various forms of Rationalism and human pride, at present, confront the Church in England, as elsewhere. For three hundred years no religious tribunal capable of teaching with unerring certainty or of binding the conscience in the name of God had been recognized by the English people. The result had been to substitute the principle of private judgment for the principle of obedience to religious authority and to persuade two people that they are the ultimate judgment of what is true and proper in conduct and religion. That had become a dominant principle in England—that all power and authority in civic, political, and religious matters were ultimately vested in the people. Catholics need not, therefore, wonder if they were occasionally found among their own flock, some whose loyalty to the Church was strained by false principles, or if there were others who had come into the Church without having altogether shaken off the little spirit of private judgment

in which they had been brought up. Being wanted in filial fidelity and reverence they freely disposed of doctrine, practice and discipline, upon their own responsibility, and without the least deference to the mind of the Church or to Masters. This was to be liberal, indeed, with the rights and property of another, with the sacred prerogatives of Christ and his Church.

It was the exercise of liberality of this counterfeit sort that characterized what was known as the liberal Catholics. It was against liberal Catholics that the rights and liberties of the Church had to be defended. The Catholic clergy and laity of England would always need to be strong in the spirit of St. Thomas of Canterbury if they were always to resist successfully the stress enforcement of liberalism upon the sphere of religion. It was, therefore, thought necessary to sound a note of warning. It could not be conceived for a moment that the fluctuating opinions and fashions of the hour which flitted over the surface of the public mind like shadows over a landscape could ever be used by the Church of God, as a rule by which to fix the cardinal points of revealed truth or to draw the lines of immutable dogma. Some there were whose pride chased under the restrictions imposed by religion. Not content with the vast fields of profane science and speculation opened to them, and with the civil Government of the world which was theirs, they wished to have their hand in the government of the Church and in her teaching, or if this could not be they valiantly strove to enforce their views by appeals to the Press and to public opinion.

Among the views described in the Pastoral as errors and poisonous opinions are the idea that the constitution as well as the teaching of the Church ought to be brought into harmony with what was styled modern thought, and the progress of the world; that the government of the Church should be largely shared by the laity as a right; that it was permissible to the faithful to correct abuses and scandals by recourse to the people and to the Powers of the world rather than to the authorities of the Church, and that Catholics were free to read and discuss matters, however dangerous to faith or morals, if they felt inclined to do so. An obligation rested upon everyone to think as the Church thought, to be of one mind with her, to obey her voice was not a matter of duty in those cases only where the subject matter was one of divine revelation or connected therewith. That was an obligation also, which entered the subject matter of the Church's teaching, and fell within the range of her authority, and that range comprised all that was necessary for feeding, teaching and governing the flock. The liberal Catholic appeared to be nervously apprehensive lest the Church should in some way commit herself and err. He doubted her wisdom, her patience, her ability in dealing with mankind, and he flattered himself that his own opinions were the outcome of a strong-minded impartial philosophical spirit. It was from germs such as these that the most anxious liberalism had infected the Catholic Church in other lands. The Clergy must remember that people converts believed that they had found in the Catholic Church the Divine Teacher they must not be admitted into her pale, no matter how many of the Articles of the Catholic Faith they may assent to. They must believe in the authority and infallibility of the Divine Teacher in matters of Faith and Morals as an essential and fundamental condition for reception into the Church.

One of the errors current in England is the belief that the Catholic Church of to-day was not the same as the primitive Church, that she had departed from the original doctrines of Christianity. Another error was that the Church possessed mere authority at one time than another, that she possessed a Divine claim to obedience in the early centuries which she did not possess in the present day. Catholics on the other hand held that the Church as the Divine Teacher was identical with herself in every age. The Divine Teacher spoke through his chosen organs, the Pope, and the Bishops in union with him. He spoke with the same wisdom, the same authority, the same infallibility to-day as during the infancy of the Church in the first three centuries of persecution, or in the subsequent centuries of General Councils. The Church was continuous and indestructible in her existence and constitution; so also in her doctrine. She had a progress and evolution of her own, but such development did not imply essential change. It was a mistaken belief that the way to comprehend the Catholic religion to non-Catholics was to pare down her heretical doctrines of faith, and to hold out a hope and a prospect that the dogmas they objected to might

degrees be explained away or brought into conformity with their opinions. If it was a pernicious error to say that science and progress could read a new meaning into the creeds and definitions of faith, it was a no less pernicious and evolutionary error to assert that dogmas emanating from the Holy See were an encumbrance on the field of science, and an obstacle in the path of progress.

Inscrutable reading way, perhaps, the most insidious form under which the poison of rationalism and unbelief was ejected into the soul. Without attracting attention, man and woman, too, took up books and magazines that lay about, and, as it were, casually turned to the cleverly written and highly spiced articles against their faith which they found therein. Their minds had no theatre of philosophical or theological training, they possessed no antidote to the poisonous draught; but they read on without excuse or necessity, allured by fashion, curiosity, or a desire to taste of forbidden fruit. A common result eventually produced by indulgence of this sort was either distrust of the Church, doubts of Revelation and of the existence of God Himself, ending in secret or open disbelief, or a general loosening of the spiritual ties and bonds that held the religious structure of life together. Hence loss of the instincts of faith and a liberal Catholicism in which semi-rationalism had secured a permanent lodgment. To say that it was impossible to get away from the literature of the day was only to say that, in the choice of what to read and what to avoid, the exercise of a wise discretion and of a strong will was absolutely necessary. To read without necessity, matter calculated to create doubt or to sap faith was a sin against religion and the First Commandment.

In conclusion, the Bishops declare that there is but one fitting attitude for a Catholic towards the Church, that of worshipping loyalty.

CATHOLIC EVENTS OF THE CENTURY.

The leading events of the century in which Catholics are, as such, interested are:

The re-establishment of the Jesuits, 1814.

The defeat of the persecutor, Napoleon, at Waterloo, 1815.

The Act of Catholic Emancipation passed by the British Parliament, 1829.

The temperance movement set on foot by Father Mathew, 1838.

The Oxford Movement, 1833.

The conversion of John Henry Newman, 1845.

The accession of Pius IX., 1846.

The re-establishment of the English hierarchy, 1850.

The definition of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady, 1854.

The Vatican Council and the definition of the infallible magisterium of the Pope, 1869-1870.

The spoliation of the Holy See by Victor Emmanuel, 1870.

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Seventh century, 25,000,000 Catholics.

Eighth century, 30,000,000 Catholics.

Ninth century, 48,000,000 Catholics.

Tenth century, 56,000,000 Catholics.

Eleventh century, 70,000,000 Catholics.

Twelfth century, 80,000,000 Catholics.

Thirteenth century, 85,000,000 Catholics.

Fourteenth century, 90,000,000 Catholics.

Fifteenth century, 100,000,000 Catholics.

Sixteenth century, 125,000,000 Catholics.

Seventeenth century, 175,000,000 Catholics.

Eighteenth century, 250,000,000 Catholics.

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Famous American General Becomes a Priest.

Father William Olmsted, now a priest of the Order of the Holy Cross, with headquarters at Notre Dame, Indiana, is now in New York, the guest of the pastor of St. Andrew's church, of that city. The distinguished clergyman will celebrate the holy sacrifice of the mass to-morrow morning at St. Andrew's, and former friends who know him as general during the Civil war and later as a member of the medical profession will be present on the occasion to greet him and be blessed by his sacred ministrations.

Father Olmsted is a native of Albany, having been born at the old family residence on Division street, between Green and Pearl streets, over sixty-six years ago. His father afterwards erected the commodious building, 100 Hudson avenue, where the boyhood of the future general, physician and priest were spent. The boy was a favorite of the late Cardinal McCloskey, Bishops Hughes and Wadham, who were frequent visitors at the Olmsted homestead away back in the fifties.

It is expected that during the visit of Father Olmsted, East, he will visit the city of his birth for the purpose of celebrating the divine mysteries of the mass which will likely be offered at the Cathedral, which edifice the venerable priest often visited in his boyhood before his conversion to the church. Many Alabamians will no doubt beglad to be present at the ceremonies.

The New York Sun commenting on Father Olmsted's visit to the metropolis has the following to say:

"The Rev. William Olmsted, a man of somewhat remarkable history, will celebrate mass on Sunday next in St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church at Duane street and City Hall place. Father Olmsted was known until a few months ago, as Dr. Olmsted, and before that as Gen. Olmsted. He fought through the Civil war and was promoted Brigadier-General. He has traveled around the world twice. He was a division superintendent of the New York Central Railroad at one time, again a physician, at another time a surgeon on a Western railroad. He has fought the Indians and has done missionary work among them; finally he became a Catholic priest. He has made a success of everything he has undertaken."

Father Olmsted is almost six feet in height and he has clear-cut features and white hair. His ancestors settled in the United States in 1632. He is an orator, but he has made up his mind to remain in quietude. He came to New York to spend the holidays as the guest of the pastor of St. Andrew's.

Father Olmsted was born in New York State sixty-six years ago, and as a youth he studied civil engineering in Troy. In 1861 he went to the war as a Captain in the Second Infantry Regiment of New York Volunteers. In different capacities he fought in many battles and he was in all of the battles in which the Army of the Potomac took part from Petersburg to the surrender of Lee. After his regiment was mustered out he became a student of medicine and later was connected as a physician with the Union Pacific, the Denver and Rio Grande, and the Fort Worth and Texas railroads. In 1881 he dropped business and studied for the priesthood. He was ordained on Feb. 8 of this year at Notre Dame, Ind. He is a member of the G.A.R., the Loyal Legion, the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Society of Colonial Wars.

"Father Olmsted said, that life was too short for a man to do any talking about himself."

SECRET OF GERMAN CATHOLIC PROGRESS.

In his lecture at the Australian Catholic Congress, Very Rev. Father Tracy, V.G., thus explained the secret of success which has enabled the Catholics to secure such a strong position in Germany. A few years ago, when travelling through America on a long trial journey from Salt Lake City to Chicago, he fell in with a very interesting companion, a German Catholic, a highly informed and most intelligent man.

And speaking of the triumph of religion in the German Empire, especially of recent years, the German said with great earnestness and emphasis:

"If the Catholic Church in my country can boast of its increase in perfect organization, in numerical strength and Christian education under God in man, due to the circulation and influence of the Catholic press and books, along the valley of the Rhine, where was situated my ancestral home, and as I am aware,

forward to with an anxiety an ex-in every parish in Germany, the arrival of the weekly Catholic paper in every Catholic household was looked forward to if a long-absent member of the family were returning home."

Father Tracy's exclamation: "Would that the same could be said of every Catholic home" will, we are sure, be echoed by those in Europe who read the statement of his German travelling companion.

THE FRENCH CLERGY

It is very comforting to read in The Catholic Champion (Protestant Episcopalian) of December, which our readers, perhaps, do not know is not a Roman Catholic Champion, such a sympathetic account of the French clergy and, incidentally, such a vindication of the Catholicity of the people. The article is by W. T. Alston, and was written for The Church Review.

The French Government, he tells us, rules the temporalties of the Church with an iron hand. The same iron hand, by the way, is continually closing in as much of those coveted temporalities as it conveniently can, without giving too much of a shock to the world's feelings. If the world can be credited with any such weakness avert the Church.

It pays salaries to the Bishops of between \$750 and \$2,000 from which princely income they are honorably supposed to defray their household and travelling expenses. As this money comes from expropriated church property, and does not belong to the state at all, and never did, the generosity is quite distressing. The parish priests receive between \$200 and \$250 a year, but a much greater number receive nothing whatever. They are supported by the people, and that fact ought to close the lips of those who are continually boasting of the "voluntary system" as if it were peculiar to countries like our own. Evidently the people there are not backward in fulfilling their duty.

We are glad to hear from The Champion that "the French priests as a body deserve the admiration of the Christian world. Their wonderful self-devotion, their virtuous and blameless lives in the face of terrible odds and opposition, and poverty proclaim them to be the most apostolic clergy in the world." It is strange to learn from such a source that this condition of things "he suspects is dying in great measure to the compulsory retreats of ten days which are the rule in all dioceses." He is right. That certainly is the explanation of it, and the extension of the retreats to ten days may be an inspiration to some as well as a revelation.

It is not surprising, therefore, to hear that "in spite of the anti-religious press, irreligious education, and hostility of the State, religious vocations are plentiful. Although seminarians are obliged to enter the army, the effect has been, much to the dismay of the government, to increase the influence of the Church among the soldiers rather than to destroy ecclesiastical life, though, as was to be expected, there have been some defections to deism."

This unprejudiced observer gives us good news also of the condition of Catholicity among the people. "Go to any cathedral," he says, "in a religious part of the country, between five and nine in the morning and see the crowded altars and frequent communicants, and listen to the feet of those who come in for a few moments to say a prayer before they begin their day's work, and you will be convinced of the vigor of their Catholic life."

"The Church in France is quite awake to her mission, and does not propose to continue indefinitely the starved and strangled condition bequeathed to her by the revolution. That of which the revolution has robbed her, that which the State refuses to recognize, she is endeavoring gradually to restore to herself, on her own account, and on her own responsibility." Most of us forgot the awful disaster that fell upon the Church there only a hundred years ago, and we are too impatient about their slowness in organizing.

Messenger of the Sacred Heart,

GLOIUS SP : OF
IRISH CENIC BEAUT.

Notes of the Far-Famed Giant's Causeway and the Lakes of Killarney.

True to my promise, in this present article I am going to attempt to give the readers of the Catholic Register some faint idea of the unrivalled natural beauty of the world-famed Giant's Causeway, a monumental product of nature which has challenged the attention and admiration of travellers from all land from time immemorial. Things that art and skill have fashioned into objects of unique beauty and design attract and win our praise, but when we stand in the presence of wondrous formations bearing the impress of man's handwork, and yet we know that mortal hands had no act or part in their formation, we experience a feeling of awe which we cannot account for nor adequately express in words.

If we are returning to our native land, from Canada or the United States, and pursuing our way towards the main object of our visit, namely, the Giants' Causeway, let us skip the intervening spaces that lie between, and imagine ourselves in the very presence of the wondrous formation to whose base we are climbing by a rudely fashioned pathway which is fearless and without protection, so much so that people of nervous temperament almost shudder on looking into the chasms below. Despite the inconvenience we hear no complaints to realize that we are nearing the object that we have read so much about, and the sight of which has thrilled visitors from all countries. As you gaze at the three miles of basaltic columns, which are respectively designated the middle, the little, and the grand Causeway; you are directly face to face with the famous structure in bulk, and as you look in wonderment on the historic object you are irresistibly drawn closer to it and by some mysterious impulse you are constrained to examine in detail its huge columns and pillars, said to comprise some 40,000 in all, standing perpendicularly, it having for the greater part six or seven sides, each while only a few have four and eight sides, and a single one, in the whole group, of three sides. The mystified onlooker is puzzled to conceive how the enormous basaltic columns, which seem to rise abruptly from the sea could have been so securely placed upon their base in such regularity and symmetrical form, and so exactly proportioned as to suggest well matured scientific plans and speculations wrought out by some of the foremost scientists of the age.

As you examine closer you see that, at certain intervals, the columns are disjointed, the curved portion of one section fitting admirably into the concave part of the next, again suggesting uniformity of design and method. How deep the base of the columns penetrate into the earth, and how far they extend landward, and seawards, seems so far to be unknown. The surface, however, is not uniform, as some of the columns are higher, some lower, while some stretch landward as far as the nose of the semi-circular hillsides and thus are swallowed up and lost to human sight in the sea. The puzzle seems to increase the longer you study the wonderful combinations and the apparent skillful artistic conceptions and plans, and as you rack your brain for some plausible explanation or theory, of your own to account for a work that looks exactly like the effort of human ingenuity, you fall completely to evolve anything feasible or satisfactory, and as a pleasing substitute you readily surrender your opinions to the legends and ancient tales which connect the celebrated Irish Giant, Fin McCool, with the construction of the Causeway. Every school boy knows the history of this renowned hero, who was the mightiest and bravest man of his country and race. His chairmanship had remained long undisputed till a Scotch giant dared to oppose him and set himself up as his match in any sort of contest where valor and strength showed to advantage. On hearing this, Fin's Irish blood warmed over to the boiling point, and he forthwith challenged the Scotch pretender to mortal combat; it was to be a veritable "fight to a finish," and as the Scotch giant had a dislike for wet feet in crossing the channel, Fin at once removed the difficulty by building the Causeway as a safe and dry mode of transit for his opponent. The historical record is not explicit as to the outcome, nor is it even verified that the hostile meeting ever occurred; but if sheer imagination can carry us the length of believing that victory resulted with Fin McCool for his prowess was acknowledged throughout the Kingdoms, and in many famous fields, he vindicated his character as being one of the greatest champions Ireland had produced.

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CAPTAIN SUTTON.

On account of the death on board the S.S. Roslyn Castle of Capt. Sutton, who was married to a daughter of Judge Routier, of Quebec, there was but a very quiet reception to the Quebecers, who returned from South Africa.

Capt. Sutton was an Englishman by birth, a native of South Cerney, in Gloucestershire. His father was an Anglican clergyman, his mother a daughter of Lady Rathven. He passed through the Cavalry School in Quebec and the Kingston Military College, subsequently becoming attached to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, with whom he served in both Toronto and Winnipeg. He joined the Catholic Church prior to his marriage with Miss Routier, in 1893, and received the last rites of the Church from Father Snell, the chaplain on board the Roslyn Castle.

The ultimate sympathy is felt for the family. Flags were at half-mast, and a grand reception to have been held by the daughters of Chief Justice Sir N. Casault, were cancelled.

The remains of the deceased left Halifax on Friday in charge of a guard of honor, commanded by Col. Lessard, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. The interment on Saturday, after a grand Requiem Mass in the Basilica. The funeral, in charge of the military auth-

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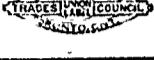
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THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The Toronto branch of the above-named association, after a long period of inactivity, has a new job in sight. It is surely the growing time. At a meeting held on Thursday last under the chairmanship of Principal Oaven, the Alliance "registered an emphatic protest against the action of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy of Quebec in the famous Deloit case, in which a marriage has been annulled on the ground that the parties were both Catholic, and that this marriage by a Protestant clergyman was not binding one." The Annual Report further stated: "Happily in Canada we enjoy such civil and religious freedom that no occasion has arisen demanding the united protest of Christians against oppression. It may be, however, that we shall be obliged to take steps to have the rights of the people preserved in our land. Recently a claim has been made to the exercise of paramount authority by certain ecclesiastics over the moral and social relations of men. It is sought to declare null and void a marriage duly contracted. This is in direct contravention to the laws of the land. This Alliance should not only utter its protest, but, if necessary, press this matter upon public attention, and secure the settlement of this question by the highest courts of the empire, in order to vindicate the rights and liberties of our citizens which are challenged by this interference of a foreign potentate." Such is the report as given by The Globe of the 11th inst. In the proceedings we find something to rouse a smile and excite our contempt, but nothing more. Is it not a strange coincidence that Dr. Oaven of Equal Rights fame should preside at this meeting? The old gentleman is never in such good health and spirits as when he has an eye on our co-religionists in Quebec. Then, when we consider the issue to which he brought the Equal Rights matter, his excursion down to meet Lord Stanley, his brief interview with His Excellency upon that occasion and his hasty home; all so fresh in memory. We congratulate the Alliance upon securing the veteran champion to lead them in their new campaign. From court to court we watch them until their funds are exhausted, their pride baffled, and their false theories completely exposed. The Divine Master warns a captain not to make war unless he is certain of being able to carry his campaign to a success. We think that the Evangelical Alliance would do well to reflect before entering upon a contest with the Hierarchy of Quebec. The gentlemen who compose the bench of Bishops in that historic province do not come to hasty judgments upon the serious and intricate questions of matrimony. Nor are they to be trifled with in the discharge of their high and sacred duties by the ranting, canting criticism of

Ontario bigots. The Evangelical Alliance had better mind its own business. Each of the Bishops has a properly constituted court to decide various questions, and amongst them matrimonial cases. Either party entering such court has a right to appeal to the Delegate add to Rome. Ordinary citizens might as well discuss the decisions of the Supreme Courts. No one thinks of doing that. But lo! if the Bishops of the Catholic Church, or the foreign potentate," decides a marriage case, then all the little ears in the alley yell and howl. Some say

"you are interfering with the rights of citizens. Others, you are practically advocating divorce. Neither nor the other. The Church stands by the sacredness of the marriage tie in the twentieth century with the same fortitude she displayed when Henry VIII, in the sixteenth century strove to put away his lawful wife. We do not find in the case in question or in any other case the Church practically advocating divorce. Matrimony lies essentially in the contract. It was raised by our Divine Lord to a Sacrament, so that the parties contracting matrimony, in due dispositions, receive the graces attached thereto. And the Church has defined the substance of that contract, the circumstances under which it is valid, and the circumstances which invalidate it. This is perfectly and entirely in the power of the Church. In laying down laws beforehand upon the subject the Church is simply carrying out her divine mission of administering "that great Sacrament," and securing for the family the inalienable rights of children of God and legitimate members of society. In deciding cases in which doubts have arisen, there is likewise no infringement upon the civil power. Our Blessed Lord in establishing His Church gave full power of judgment into the hands of the teaching and governing portion thereof. Had He not done so, it would have been foolish to establish a kingdom at all. Christian society would have had no stability, and the Christian family no guarantee.

We have stated that this report excites our contempt. And rightly. Why did the Alliance wait for a case? The law forbidding Catholics in Quebec, who wish to contract matrimony, to appear before any but a priest, is no new thing. It is as old as the Council of Trent. If the Alliance was in good faith—and what is more to the point—if its ignorance was not so deep and extensive—it would have attacked the law itself before any case appeared. It is no credit to such men as Principal Oaven, although he has no reputation to lose upon this point; nor to the Hon. S. H. Blake, a leading lawyer—to show such ignorance upon canon law and Catholic doctrine and practice—or to have the names connected with the Alliance now that it proposes to enter upon a new religious war. True Mr. Blake was not at the meeting. But he is President, and must have known something about the report. Besides, when adopted, it would bear his imprimatur. The essential error in the report is the error of Protestantism, viz., of subverting the order, and placing the temporal above the spiritual. How are the liberties of citizens "challenged" by such a decision? Instead of being challenged, the liberties and sacred rights of Catholic families are protected.

LUCIFERIANS.

The Christian world but more particularly the Catholic world of America, was shocked last week by an outrage perpetrated at Utica, New York. Vandals broke into the Church of the Holy Family in that place, and having forced open the tabernacle, extracted thirty-nine consecrated hosts therefrom. None of the sacred vessels was stolen, so that robbery could not have been the motive—it was something far worse. For years Paris has been the centre of a sect called Luciferians or Satanists, whose worship is centred around Lucifer, hence the name. These people have been guilty of the most shocking sacrileges, and many cases of the stealing of consecrated wafers from Catholic churches have been traced to them. They have been known to present themselves for Communion, and on receiving the host remove it immediately from the mouth, that it might serve as part of their awful worship of their "glorious orgies." All manner of schemes have been resorted to to

obtain possession of our Lord in the Eucharist. That this sort of thing has been going on for years in Paris and in the larger centres of France, has been known, and the utmost care and watchfulness exercised to prevent so awful a sacrilege as the trampling of the Sacred Host which, it would seem, is a part of the ceremony gone through in this form of Devil worship. The existence of a body of people who have fallen into such a state of spiritual degradation seems almost incredible, and was long regarded in this country as a moral impossibility. That men could fall into such a mental condition as to offer worship to Satan was looked upon here as something incredulous. Devil worship was put down as a myth; as something of an old woman's yarn. Yet, the French clergy have known of its existence, and have made it known to the world. The practice seems to have been confined to France, and was not considered as being a danger outside of that country. The recent sacrilegio, however, in the United States, will serve to awaken the Catholic world to a sense of its danger. How men, believing as the Luciferians do, in the Real Presence can bring themselves to such an utterly depraved and consciousnessless state of mind and soul as to subject the consecrated wafer to so terrible a treatment, is beyond the comprehension of a sane man. There can be no other solution to the question than that of possession. If men were ever possessed by devils it is surely the members of this sect. It follows, as a natural consequence, that men who pay homage directly to Satan, men who worship him; men who subject the Body and Blood of our Lord to all manner of indignities out of a fiendish desire to please their master and acknowledge god, the Devil, must be possessed of a myriad of devils. Call it insanity, call it what you will, nevertheless it is nothing more or less than possession by the Devil. These men, knowing that our Lord is really and truly present in the Blessed Eucharist, knowing that it is God himself that they are subjecting to the grossest insult that could be offered Him—for they know these things—are not fit to be at large. The idea is too fiendish to be conceived of the mind of man; it is, it must be, the product of the subtle mind of Satan himself. Such men are a danger to society, for evidently nothing will stop them in their terrible career of sacrifice. Hanging is too good for them, and although their punishment must needs be terrible in the next world, yet it would seem that they should be let down into hell with short shrift. If any one needs further proof of the necessity of a hell than the absolute certainty that such must suffer punishment for their awful crimes, he is hard to convince. Eternity is not too long to pay the penalty for the sacrilegious acts that these men perpetrate. In the country where the rights of the private citizens are respected, and where the law is their guardian against the attacks of evil-minded persons, there is no place for devil-worshippers and desecrators of our altars. If the law of the land is successfully invoked to safeguard the rights of our citizens, how much more so then should it not guard the Body and Blood of our Lord from the fiendish acts of the Luciferians. We were often at a loss to account for the temper of the American people that rendered lynching a thing of such frequent occurrence, but how we can readily understand it. The American Government owes it to its Catholic citizens, to the Christian community, to its God, to ferret out these desecrators and bring them to a condign punishment. There is no sane man who can view their action with anything but the utmost horror, or who can conceive of any reason why their punishment should not be as great as the courts of law can inflict. This sect must be rooted out of American soil, root and branch, and there must be no rest until every vestige of it has been wiped out. We have no place here for such as they. There is no question of liberty of worship in this case.

EXTENSION OF THE JUBILEE.
The Supreme Pontiff has published a letter proclaiming an extension of the Jubilee to the Catholic world. After expressing his joy at the large number who availed themselves of the privilege of the Jubilee in Rome he says: "We wish that during half this coming year it shall be accessible to all the faithful in the Catholic world.

We see that there is no better way for men to begin a century than by profiting abundantly of the merits of Christ's redemption. We have confidence likewise that our venerable brethren the bishops, and the whole clergy with their tried vigilance and zeal will cause these universal advantages, which we desire, to be realized in all their fullness. This is why, by the authority of Almighty God, by that of the blessed Peter and Paul, and by our own authority we extend by these letters to the whole Catholic world the great Jubilee which has been celebrated in our holy city, we extend it for six months, and by these letters wish that it should be regarded as so ex-

tended.

The conditions of the jubilee are then prescribed. As they are more definitely stated by each ordinary we would confuse our readers by any further quotation from the Holy Father's letter, awaiting the official promulgation of the Jubilee.

A NEW BOOK.

SOME TIME AGO WE RECEIVED A BOOK written by Dr. Langtry of this city, entitled "Come Home."

The work is intended as an invitation for all Christians to enter the English Church as the true Church of Christ, and thus put a stop to the unfortunate divisions existing amongst the various denominations. If the book was sent to us as an invitation to leave the faith of our fathers and go into the English Church as into our Father's house, we have simply to decline with thanks, and assure the author that we feel perfectly at home where Peter rules, and that we abide there in the full confidence of the true light and sacramental grace of Christ's kingdom upon earth. If the book was sent to us to review we accept the task. The author very rightly considers that the first thing is to get a correct notion of the Church of Christ. This description takes up the first chapter. We do not recognize it as a description of Christ's kingdom. There is not a single word about the Primacy of St. Peter. "Thou Peter being confirmed, confirm thy brethren," stares us in the face when seeking for the Church. "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church, and I will give to thee the Keys of the Kingdom." "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep." There is one sheepfold and there is one shepherd. The extension and devotion of the Church throughout the whole world through all time require this unity which Christ placed in Peter by making him shepherd of the whole flock. The unity of faith required it. When therefore any one describes the Church for us we look for Peter: "Where he is there is the Church." The only mention of St. Peter in this first chapter of "Coming Home" is the following: "But though the Lord, when speaking to the Jews, describes the new society which he was founding under the title of 'the Kingdom,' it is to Him that we owe the name 'Church,' by which, at all times from the Apostles' days downwards, the Christians have been most usually designated. 'Upon this rock' (that is, of St. Peter's confession of His Divinity as most of the Fathers interpreted it) 'I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' This explanation cannot satisfy any earnest mind in search for Christ's Church. Admitting that some of the fathers give such an explanation, they do not do so to the exclusion of the ordinary Catholic explanation. Peter's confession of faith was the meritorious cause why he, thus instructed by the Father and confirmed by the Son in unfailing faith, should save, defend, administer and preserve the faith in the whole Church. A parallel occurs in the case of St. Peter walking on the water. Some of the Fathers say that the body of Peter did not walk on the water, but his faith. They did not mean that Peter did not really walk on the water, but the miracle was to be attributed to his faith. So the Fathers who state that the Church was founded upon the confession of faith St. Peter did not deny that the Church was founded upon Peter. We do not remember a point which is so frequently taught and referred to by our Blessed Lord and in the Acts of the Apostles as the primacy of St. Peter. To describe the Church of Christ by merely giving a minimized reference to him is to mislead the searcher for truth, and draw a wrong picture of that home where the Christian mind rests in the possession of the truth, where his will rests in the paternal rule of his Father's house, and

where he himself abides in the hope of one day passing through St. Peter's gates to his true and everlasting home.

To lay the claim for the English Church that it is the Church of Christ and that Romanists separated from the Church of England as reformed under Elizabeth's reign is too much. Again we ask: "Where is Peter? No national Church is our home. Our home is Catholic. The utmost bounds of the earth are its inheritance. Its truth and formation were as perfect before England was a kingdom as it will be when Macaulay's New Zealand traveller shall sketch the ruins of St. Paul's. The misty story of England's conversion to Christianity before St. Augustine landed in Kent is in bold contrast to the uninterrupted chain of pontiffs who occupy the apostolic primato's throne. First, last and always we say with St. Ambrose: *Qui Petrus, ibi Ecclesia;* Where Peter is, there is the Church—there is our home.

THE DIVORCE-EVIL.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BUFFALO HAVE AWAKENED THE CHRISTIAN WORLD TO A SENSE OF THE TERRIBLE LENGTHS THAT THE DIVORCE-EVIL HAS RUN TO. FOR YEARS THE DAKOTA DIVORCE MILLS HAVE BEEN A SCANDAL TO THE WORLD AND A DISGRACE TO THE UNITED STATES. DIVORIES HAVE BEEN GRANTED FOR THE MOST PALTRY REASONS, AND IT IS TO BE FEARED, ONLY TOO OFTEN, FOR NO CAUSE WHATSOEVER, EXCEPT THAT OF PANDERING TO THE VICES AND HABITS OF THOSE WHO HAVE HAD RECOURSE TO THE COURTS. DOZENS OF CASES HAVE OCCURRED IN WHICH DIVORIES WERE GRANTED BY THE DEFAULT OF ONE OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES WHO EITHER COULD NOT OR WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AT SUCH FARCIICAL PROCEEDINGS. WHILE DAKOTA HAS BEEN THUS DISGRACING CHRISTIANITY, THE MILLS HAVE BEEN GRINDING IN BUFFALO, BUT UNLIKE THOSE OF THE GODS THEY HAVE BEEN TURNING THE GRINDINGS OUT IN BIG CHUNKS. RECENT INVESTIGATIONS HAVE BROUGHT TO LIGHT A DISGRACIOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS. A LAWYER AND A MAN AND A WOMAN ARE IMPLICATED. THE MAN AND WOMAN, IT SEEMS, STOOD READY TO SWEAR TO ANYTHING, TO IMPERSONATE ANY ABSENTEE, AND TO MAKE THEMSELVES GENERALLY USEFUL WHERE A DIVORCE CASE MIGHT NEED EVIDENCE. AS A RESULT OF THIS WHOLE-SALE PERJURY, DOZENS OF COUPLES WERE DIVORCED. AMONGST THE PERSONS THUS FREED WERE TWO IN ONTARIO. MANY OF THE DIVORCED MARRIED AGAIN, AND NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN A VERY BAD POSITION. IT IS A LESSON TO OUR CHRISTIAN PEOPLE. DIVORCE IS A TERRIBLE EVIL, AND THIS LATEST INSTANCE OF ITS WORKING IS SOMETHING THAT MUST MAKE GOOD-LIVING PEOPLE THINK SERIOUSLY UPON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE ARE DRIFTING. APART FROM THE RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF THE CASE, THIS DIVORCE-EVIL IS TERRIBLY FAR-REACHING SOCIALLY. IT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE MIND OF A PHILOSOPHER TO SEE THAT DIVORCE CANNOT BUT BE ATTENDED WITH EVILS THAT MUST BE DETERIMENTAL TO NOT ONLY INDIVIDUAL PEACE, BUT MUST ALSO GROW INTO A NATIONAL CALAMITY. WHERE THERE IS NO DIVORCE THERE ARE COMPARETTIVELY FEW FAMILY QUARRELS, FOR THE PARTNERS IN LIFE'S STRUGGLE KNOW FULL WELL THAT THEY ARE BOUND UNTIL DEATH, A FACT THAT MAKES EACH STRIVE TO MAINTAIN HIS LIFE TO FIT INTO THAT OF HIS PARTNER. NO SOUND ARGUMENT CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR THAT CAN SHOW NOT ONLY THE NECESSITY BUT EVEN THE ADVANTAGE OF DIVORCE AT ALL. THE PROTESTANTS ARE TO BLAME FOR DIVORIES, AND IT IS THEY WHO MUST REMEDY THE EVIL; THEY ARE SUFFERING, BUT WE TOO MUST PUT UP WITH THE CIVIL CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM THE GRANTING OF DIVORIES. THE MOMENT THAT THE FOUNDERS OF PROTESTANTISM DECLARED THAT MARRIAGE WAS NOT A SACRAMENT, WHICH THEY DID FOR PURELY PERSONAL REASONS, THAT MOMENT SAW THE BEGINNING OF THE DIVORCE-EVIL, AND IT HAS GROWN SINCE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MARRIAGE IS A SACRAMENT, AND THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A DIVORCE MORALLY SPEAKING. A PERSON DIVORCED IN THE EIGHT OF THE LAW IS NOT SO IN THE EIGHT OF GOD, AND CANNOT BE. NO LAW IN ANY LAND CAN EVER SOLVE THE BONDS OF MARRIAGE FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER. IT DOES PLACE SUCH PEOPLE BEYOND THE LAW APPLYING TO BIGAMY, BUT IT STOPS THERE. BECAUSE IT WAS TO THE PERSONAL ADVANTAGE OF THE FOUNDERS OF PROTESTANTISM (FOR IF THEY WERE NOT FOR DIVORCE AND ITS REASON FOR BEING—PASSION AND LUST—THERE WOULD BE NO REFORMATION) BECAUSE OF THIS REASON, MARRIAGE WAS DECLARED TO BE NO SACRAMENT, BUT THAT DECLARATION DOES NOT MAKE IT ANY THE LESS A SACRAMENT. "IF WE TAKE IT INTO OUR HEADS TO CALL THE MOON GREEN CHEESE THAT DOES NOT MAKE IT SO." THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS LEGITIMATE DIVORCE AS A REPARATION BY LAW.

"HOW," ASKS THE HOLY FATHER, "SHALL I MAKE MY VOICE HEARD? DO THEY WISH THE UNION OF CATHOLICS AGAINST THE REPUBLIC? HOW CAN THAT BE PREVENTED IF IN PLACE OF A LIBERAL, FAIR REPUBLIC THEY SUBSTITUTE A NARROW, SECTARIAN FACTION ONE GOVERNED BY LAWS OF EXPLOITATION—A REPUBLIC REPUGNANT TO CONSCIENCE AND THE TRADITIONAL GENEROSITY OF FRANCE?" OFFERS HAVE BEEN MADE BY RIVAL NATIONS, NOTABLY BY GERMANY, TO TAKE THE MISSIONS UNDER THEIR PROTECTION, AND MAKE COMPENSATION TO THE HOLY SEE. THE VENERABLE PONTIFF WILL FIND IT HARD TO ANSWER IF THESE NATIONS APPLY AGAIN FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MISSIONS.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME A NEW WEEKLY DEVOTED TO CATHOLIC INTERESTS. "THE UNION," WITH HEADQUARTERS AT OTTAWA, ISSUED ITS FIRST NUMBER WITH THE NEW CENTURY. WHILE, ON THE ONE HAND, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY IS BEING OVERDONE IN ONTARIO, YET THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM ON TOP, AND WE HOPE TO SEE "THE UNION" SUCCEED AND PROSPER. THE FIRST NUMBER WAS A VERY NEAT ONE.

THE CANADIAN BAPTIST BOWS, THE FACT THAT THERE ARE TOO MANY MEN WHO DO NOT JOIN SOME ONE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES BECAUSE NONE OF THEM AGREE FULLY WITH THEM IN THEIR VIEWS. THIS PARAGRAPH THEN GOES ON TO SAY: "IF ALL WERE TO ACT THIS WAY, NO MAN COULD JOIN IN CHURCH RELATION WITH ANY OTHER, BECAUSE IT IS DOUBTFUL IF ANY TWO MEN ALTOGETHER AGREE." IT IS NOT AT ALL NECESSARY TO STATE THAT THE BAPTIST IS SPEAKING OF PROTESTANTS ONLY. WE

OF MAN AND WIFE BEFORE GOD. ONCE MARRIED, MARRIED TILL DEATH. CANADA, THANK GOD, HAS NOT YET FALLEN INTO SUCH AN ABYSS OF DEGRADATION IN THIS RESPECT AS HAVE THE AMERICANS, BUT CANADIANS ARE NOT SLOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LAZY DIVORCE LAWS ACROSS THE LINE, AND HAVE BEEN DOING SO FOR SOME YEARS PAST. SUCH PEOPLE SCOUR DIVORCES IN THE UNITED STATES AND REMARRY, COMING BACK TO CANADA WITH THIS SECOND WIFE. THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER RECEIVED DIVORCES ACCORDING TO CANADIAN LAW, AND SHOULD BE PROSECUTED FOR BIGAMY. THIS PRACTICE SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH, AND THAT WITHOUT DELAY, OTHERWISE WE MIGHT AS WELL ADOPT THE AMERICAN DIVORCE LAWS AT ONCE.

THE POPE AND FRANCE.

IN AN INTERVIEW THE HOLY FATHER EXPPOSES HIS ANXIETY ABOUT FRANCE AS REGARDS THE SPEECH OF WALDECK-ROUENNE AT TOULOUSE WHEN HE THREATENED WAR UPON THE RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES.

AS POPE HE "CANNOT CONSENT TO THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TURNING ASIDE THE CONCORDAT FROM THE SPIRIT WHICH DICTATED IT, AND TRANSFORMING AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE AND JUSTICE INTO AN INSTRUMENT OF WAR AND OPPRESSION. THIS CONCORDAT WAS ESTABLISHED AND REGULATED IN FRANCE FOR THE EXERCISE OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP, DEFINING THE MUTUAL RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN REGARD TO THE CHURCH AND FRANCE." "NOW, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES," CONTINUED HIS HOLINESS, "FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CHURCH UNDER THE SAME TITLE AS THE SECULAR CLERGY. THEY RECEIVE THEIR CONSTITUTIONS FROM THE HOLY SEE. THEY EXERCISE A SPECIAL MISSION, DIFFERENT FROM, BUT NO LESS SACRED THAN, THAT EXERCISED BY THE PASTORS RECOGNIZED BY THE STATE." TO STRIKE AT THEM IS TO AIM A BLOW AT THE CHURCH. NOR IS THE CONCORDAT SILENT ABOUT RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES. IT STATES THAT THEY DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SPECIAL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES RECOGNIZED BY THE CONCORDAT AS BELONGING TO THE SECULAR ECCLESIASTICAL HIERARCHY. BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE RELIGIOUS ORDERS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE COMMON RIGHT, BUT FROM THE RIGHT OF PROPRIETORSHIP BUT FROM THE RIGHT OF EXISTENCE. IN CHINA, FRANCE IS THE PROTECTOR OF CATHOLIC MISSIONS. THE RIVALS OF FRANCE ACROSS THE CHINESE MISSIONS ARE BEING THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE IN THAT COUNTRY. THEIR PURPOSE IN THESE CALUMNIES IS TO WEAKEN AND DESTROY THE INFLUENCE OF FRANCE IN THE EAST. HOW CAN THIS CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICY TELL FOR THE GOOD OF THE NATION. FRANCE CANNOT PERSECUTE AT HOME AND PROTECT ABROAD.

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Catholics have no difficulty in "agreeing." With the doctrine of private interpretation in force among them, Protestants will find this difficulty an ever-increasing one.

The stand against duelling recently taken by three applicants for cadetship in the German army, is something that it gives us the greatest pleasure to note. These three young men, all practical Catholics, were blackballed by the officers of the army because of their open declaration that they would fight no duel. It has been compulsory for officers in the German army to fight when challenged, and to do so whenever occasion arose. These three young men passed their examinations, and showed all the necessary qualifications for cadetships. They are Catholics, and as such opposed to the system of duelling, and were man enough to say so. As a result of their manly stand against this murderous practice, the Reichstag will investigate the question of duelling, and will doubtless do away with one of the greatest blots on European civilization. All honor to the three young men who had the courage to attack so anti-Christian a system as the duelling of the German army.

The declaration of the Duke of Norfolk that he would note with pleasure the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope, has been creating a good deal of fuss in European circles. In view of the fact that the Premier Catholic peer of England, is an ex-member of the Government, the expression of his feelings is looked upon as likely to be viewed as the pronouncement of an English politician, and as such resented by the Italian press and Government. There is no need to defend the Duke of Norfolk's words. He spoke as a private individual, as leader of the English Catholic pilgrimage to Rome, and as a member of the Catholic Church—an of which would entitle him to speak as he thinks fit. If the banditti of Italy are so conscience-stricken upon the subject of the temporal possessions of the Pope as to resent the expression of a private man's opinions, it is indeed cause for congratulation. The Pope will come into his own again; and the Church in Italy will triumph over her robber enemies in Italy, and will rule in Rome when the Italian brigands are dead and forgotten, except for the record of their villainous government of the country.

The United States Senate has by a vote of 31 to 15 decided to do away with the army canteen. The idea is, of course, to increase the difficulties of getting liquor, thereby making the soldier more temperate. It is a question whether it will do so or not. Many eminent authorities claim that it will have an opposite tendency, they claim that the canteen, while not conducive to total abstinence, is so to temperance. They base their arguments upon experience. Among them is Archbishop Ireland, whom no greater temperance worker exists in America. He says that the doing away with the canteen will drive the soldiers to the neighboring cities where they will drink enough in one visit to last them until the next. In other words, that while the army canteen fosters moderate drinking, the doing away with it will mean drunkenness. The argument does not seem good to us. If there is no canteen there can be no building up of the habit of tipping which, of necessity, in the vast majority of cases, develops into habitual drunkenness. Under the old army canteen service soldiers have acquired an unenviable reputation for drunkenness. The canteen was evidently a failure. It is time for a change.

The American Catholic papers have been acquainting the Catholic reading public of the fact that young Vanderbilt was recently baptized in the Church. As a news item the announcement is all right, but we cannot see that there is any great room for congratulation. This child's mother is a devout Catholic; the marriage took place in the Church, and it is only natural to suppose that all the children arising from this marriage should be Catholics. If the item has been going the rounds on the assumption that the Catholic Church should feel proud of having a son of the Vanderbilt family within its fold, it is greatly out of place. The Catholic Church, the spouse of Christ, will its

grand array of illustrious sons and daughters, is not honored by the name of any one. The real honor done this young Vanderbilt is that he has been made a member of the glorious Catholic Church. It is an honor to any mortal man to be called a son of the Church, and every Catholic should feel proud of his grand old mother who has come down unsullied, and glorious, through all the ages since the coming of Christ; who has passed through the fire of trial and tribulation, as gold through the refiner's furnace. Young Vanderbilt is indeed fortunate in being born an heir to this great, living Faith.

During the Christmas festivities the guards of the night trains from Stockholm, Sweden, were obliged to eject several drunken passengers from their trains. The result was that many of these undesirable travellers were left helpless at wayside stations, with the snow very deep, and the thermometer registering twelve degrees below zero. In view of this difficulty, the State Railway administration has ordered that henceforth every night suburban train must be provided with a separate car for intoxicated persons. It is quite evident from this that drunkenness in Sweden has reached a high pitch, and has become as prevalent as smoking is here. The despatch does not state what material these cars will be constructed of, nor whether they will be padded, but we sympathize with the conductors. Having come to this pass, and having realized that drunken rowdies are not fit travelling companions for the ordinary every-day citizen, it is now time for some government to devise some way whereby chronic and habitual drunkards may be placed in some place where they cannot annoy their neighbors, and make life miserable for such as are obliged to come into contact with them. Habitual drunkenness is recognized as a disease; then there should be hospitals for this treatment. Ontario has room for one or more such institutions.

Last week we printed a communication from a Catholic student at the University in which he bewailed the lack of sociability of the Catholics of Toronto. Some time ago we had occasion to refer to the same thing ourselves in our editorial columns, but did not confine the charge to Torontonians alone, but took in all Catholics. We are too unsociable; too hard to draw out of our shells, of the humdrum of everyday life. There is not the least doubt of that, and yet we cannot let our student friends lie back in their chairs as contented and serenely happy as though they, at any rate, had done all they could in the matter. The Catholic students at Toronto University have done absolutely nothing to warrant their being noticed by Catholic society at large.

A Catholic student comes to Toronto without introduction of any kind, and makes little or no effort to secure an entree into Catholic society. That part of it we do not propose to touch. What we wish to get at is that the Catholic students at Toronto University are away behind the age. In every university centre throughout the United States the Catholic students are banded together in societies; and so too, just in Toronto, if they are to make themselves felt either in university circles or in Catholic society in the city. Let the Catholic people see that there is such a being as a Catholic university student; let them see that he is up-to-date, that he is alive to the rights and duties of his state; let them see that he is anxious to mix up with them—let the Catholic students present a united front, and there will be no lack of sociability. The Catholics will take them in.

CATHOLIC TEMPERANCE

Growth and aims of the movement.

Sprinkling of the growth and future of temperance work in the Catholic Church. Rev. A. P. Doyle, general secretary of the national organization, says:

"While the bold statement of 81,437 membership is the measure of the organized movement in the Catholic Church, it does not by any means represent the extent of its influence. The best work of the organization has been that of a leaven. A few generations ago there was very little of the total abstineno continent among Catholics. Many of them came to this coun-

try from the wine-drinking countries of Europe, where total abstinence as well as drunkenness was unknown, and to them the idea of abstaining entirely from intoxicating drinks was unheard of. It was fifty years ago when Father Mathew made his memorable trip through the states, and pledged over 500,000 in all the large cities from Boston to New Orleans. Our movement today is the outgrowth of his work. Fearing that his labors would be but an ephemeral effort, his disciples created the organization which now bears the total abstinence banner. We count among our active members, many of the hierarchy, notably, Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, Archbishop Van of Philadelphia, Archbishop Williams of Boston, Archbishop Elder of Cincinnati, a great number of the bishops and a thousand or more of the priests, while the bulk of the organization is made up of people in all ranks of society. There is a society known as the Amethyst Club in Chicago composed exclusively of lawyers, and another in Ohio whose membership is confined entirely to priests.

The growth during the last few years has been phenomenal. In 1892 we numbered but 49,000; in 1900 we are 81,437, and, now, we are reaching out for the 100,000 mark. Besides the professed members there are many thousands who feel the influence of our work in their homes, through the ban-

quet that has been put on the social glass. Other fraternal organizations, by means of the public sentiment resulting from our work, have felt themselves so strengthened as to refuse to allow liquor-sellers to become members, and it is not an unusual thing now to find large gatherings at banquets during which no wine is served.

"Another great good the national organization has done is to preserve the temperance movement among Catho-

lics whoresome and well within the lines of conservative orthodoxy. The value of this statement becomes more apparent when we consider the radical principles of ungodly movements. To have preserved a movement from being invaded by the crank or by the fanatic is a great gain in itself. The truths that we stand for do not include the statement that the use of intoxicating drinks is as evil in itself, but it is rather the abuse that we condemn. We are leagued against the vice of intemperance, and our opposition is reserved for all that encourages and fosters drunkenness.

We are against the unregulated saloon. We have refused constantly to ally ourselves with the prohibitionists, and have stood only for the greatest of all prohibitionary measures, that of personal total abstinence. We do not assert that liquor is evil in itself, or even that the use of it is wrong, but we do affirm that owing to the tyranny of drinking customs very often obliging a man to drink more than is good for his head, his stomach or his purse, it is better for him to abandon the use of drink altogether. While we do not say that everyone is bound to total abstinence still we applaud the man who can and will abstain; and if he does so from a higher motive we say that he may serve God and his fellow-man better. We favor the statutory law regulating the saloon, not that we think a man can be made moral by law, but we think that every law that shields the citizen from danger, that protects his home and himself, from the ailments of vice, is a blessing to society and to citizenship.

"It is the opinion of many men of experience and foresight that as the years go on there will be an increasing need of a vigorous crusade. The brilliant and restless activity of modern life which has placed the English-speaking races in the lead of modern civilization has had as one of its waste products the vice of intemperance. We continue to live and work at high pressure and the fierce strivings of mercantile life generate a strained vitality and overwrought nerves, which in their turn demand the stimulus of alcohol to whip up their flagging energies. Our modern ways of living living generate the excessive use of intoxicating drink. So, while drunkenness continues to be prevalent there will also be a necessity for the existence of an extraordinary remedy for social disease. This extraordinary remedy is the practice of total abstinence."

RELIGIOUS CEREMONIAL AT ST. JOSEPH'S

The semi-annual ceremony of Religious Reception and Profession took place in the Convent Chapel of St. Joseph on Saturday the 5th inst. at 3 p.m. The Very Rev. J. H. Lowekamp, Vice-president of the Redemptorist Fathers, admitted three young ladies into the congregation of St. Joseph and received the first year's vows of five novices. The names of the young ladies received are as follows:—Miss Josephine Deschamps, La Jonction, in religion Sister Mary Ayelies; Miss J. Bourke, North Bay, in religion Sister Mary Wilkinson; Miss Fiona Chalmer, Penetanguishene, in religion Sister Mary Lige-

nori. The novices professed Sister M. Agatha, Sister M. Bertrada, Sister M. Agnes, Sister M. Remigia, Sister M. Euphrosyne.

The sermon whose text was taken from the Gospel of the Day and made applicable to the morning's ceremony was delivered by the Very Rev. Father Lowekamp, who in clear and forcible language described the religious life and explained the vows that constitute its essence. He pointed out the obligations contracted by those who embrace that life and showed the sacrifices a religious vocation demands. The joyful pleasures of Christians living in this world are not for souls who consecrate themselves to Christ; the vows that bind them to their Redeemer deprive them forever of worldly joys. In compensation their Divine Saviour imparts to His chosen ones, His peace that surpasseth understanding and the hundredfold promised to those who leave all to follow Him."

The Ceremony Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Teacy, of St. Michael's College, at which assisted the Rev. H. Stahl, C.S.B., the Rev. L. Brennan, C.S.B., the Rev. M. J. Jeffcott, the Rev. F. Fraher, the Rev. S. Grogan, the Very Rev. V. Naurouz, C.S.B., Rev. E. Murphy, C.S.B., Rev. J. Van de Water, contralto solo "Night of Nights" was beautifully rendered during the Mass and the Profession Hymn was feebly and devotionally sung. Only the near relatives of the young ladies received and novices professed were present with the community to witness the ceremony, and the deep quiet pervading all added not a little to the solemnity of the touching scene. How impressive, how suggestive of self-immolation the core moments were! Sacrifice seemed the spirit that dominated all, forcibly accentuating the truth that the rugged path heavenward over remains the same and that human nature does not change, though centuries roll by. One reflected on the marvelous progress of the century my past, and the wondrous inventions that science and skill have made possible in its last decades, yet, notwithstanding man's mighty achievements, suffering, want, ignorance still remain, and to those evils Religion must apply a remedy, hence she makes use of the gentle ministrations of the self-sacrificing religions to heal the wounds of the body and alleviate the sufferings of the mind. She commissions her consecrated spouses to care for the aged and the orphan, to teach the young to know and love their Creator, to guard youth against the pernicious maxims of Godless school, and while instructing them in the various branches of secular knowledge to prove by their teaching that science is the handmaid of religion and that the votaries soar highest when they seek inspiration from ETERNAL Wisdom, the Source of Light. Such were the exterior works of the heroic ones who devoted themselves to the religious life in past centuries; such the labors awaiting the generous hearts who consecrated themselves to God in St. Joseph's Community, Saturday last. In the words of an eminent living writer, they belong in a cold, calculating age to the hosts of holy women who have followed the Church like the chosen few who followed Christ on the narrow, blood-stained way that led to Calvary, who watch and wait, who serve and are helpful, who work and are silent, certain it is that the cause which century after century constrains thousands of the purest and gentlest hearts to sacrifice their lives to the highest and most unselfish ends, is the cause of God, the cause for which Christ suffered and died."

TESTING THE VITALITY OF SEED.

To the Editor Catholic Register—

The past season has in certain localities been unfavorable for the perfect maturing of grain. In some districts it has been injured by rain during harvest or from being stacked before fully dry, thus causing it to sprout or heat, while in other localities it has suffered more or less from early autumn frost. When exposed to either of these conditions cereals are apt to lose a portion of their vitality or to have it weakened as to produce when sown an unsatisfactory growth. The character of the crop is greatly influenced by the quality of the seed used, and to obtain the best results it should have its germinating power uninjured, so that when placed in the soil the young plants may make a prompt and vigorous start. Hence it is very important that farmers should always ascertain whether the grain they are holding for seed possess the vitality necessary to produce a good crop.

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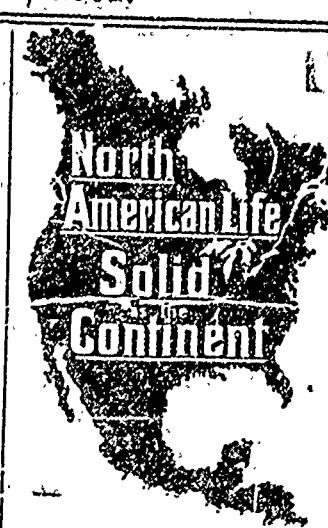
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FATHER CALLAGHAN ILL.

Rev. Father Callaghan, one of the leading Irish priests in Montreal, for many years connected with St. Patrick's parish, is lying dangerously ill at the Hotel Dieu, and his recovery is despaired of.

MAJUBA DAY.

The days between the 18th and 26th of February, 1900, will be memorable in the history of the South African war. The part taken by the Canadian troops on that day when the lion of the north—General Cronje—was forced to surrender will be spoken of as a work worthy of any regiment.

The position they occupied is clearly depicted in the picture which The Weekly Globe is giving free to its yearly subscribers. A sample copy can be seen at this office. It is certainly worthy of a place in every Canadian home.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE.

The collections next Sunday throughout the diocese will be taken up for the Apostolic Delegate. It is proposed to secure a suitable residence in Ottawa for our Holy Father's representative to Canada, and this collection will be devoted, at least in part to that object. Mr. Tolson has already addressed himself to the Catholics of Canada, and it is but fitting that he should have an official residence in the Capital of our Dominion.

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THE HOLY ANGELS.

By Laura R. Kline.

Where do angels love to dwell?
In a poor man's weary heart,
Faithful ever, ill or well.
Though he feels the human smart,
If the clouds be dark and break
In a flood above his head,
He may consolation take
At the Cross where Christ has bled.

Where does God in love abide?
In the pious mother's breast,
Innocent of worldly pride
Patient at the saints at rest,
At the shrine of humble duty,
Silent prayers ascend on wings
To the portal rich in beauty,
Purer far than earthly things.

Where do the sweet angels hover?
Round the tiny infant's cot,
Guarding lest some careless rovers
On its mind might leave a blot.
Where the bonds of warm affection
Link the soul to One above,
With ineffable protection,
Of an everlasting love.

Unseen figures lowly bent

At the Tabernacle cell,

In the transports of content,

There the purest spirits dwell.

Unseen forms with firm endeavor

Whisper, echo sweet refrain,

Till all time has passed forever,

And Eternity remains.

—Boquet!

RESOLUTIONS FOR GIRLS.

1.—Resolve to dress sensibly, and stick to that resolution as long as you can!

2.—If you are earning money, or receiving an allowance, resolve to save a portion of it, no matter how small that portion must be.

3.—Resolve to do whatever you consent to do at all, as well as anybody can do it,—but I have talked about that before!

4.—Resolve to be a good, sound, reliable, easy-working cog. In the social or business machinery of which you are a part, in the household, in school, in office work, anywhere and everywhere, this resolution will apply. Don't say to yourself, "What difference does it make if I am fifteen minutes late?" but, "What difference would it make if everybody were a quarter of an hour behindhand?" That swollen cog, that has to be removed, may still be of use as a paperweight. If anybody wants it, but its days of active efficiency are ended. All great work depends on organized co-operation, systematized, regulated, mechanically perfect.—January "Success."

DRESS AND DISPOSITION.

It is indeed impossible for the most arbitrary fashion to exalts, in sensitive women, especially, certain tendencies, to symbolize their states of mind by their dress. Most of my female readers, I dare say, possess bonnets and gowns that they can only wear on days when they are at their "best," when they are equal to them. There are days and moods in which curled or loose, wandering hair is intolerable. Any man of ordinary tact or intelligence, may know that when a woman's hair is brushed tightly back and rigidly coiled, when her bright ribbons are hidden in drawers, her pink and blue dresses hung at the back of her wardrobe, and when she herself appears severely clad in her black alpaca, that the woman is in inquiring, reforming temper, that she is going to look into expenses, and call children and servants to account. And if he is discreet, he will not interfere with her questions, for the plainly dressed woman means business, which may fairly be called "happiness making."

It is a very useless thing to advise a young man as to the girl he ought to marry. Yet the marrying man may well take dress into close consideration. He may, for instance, be sure that any girl who, without appearing singular, can keep at a good distance from any prevailing fashion will make a good wife. This, not because it is a proof of her being quiet and modest, but because it gives evidence of her possessing the art of great importance in domestic happiness—the art of making the best of herself. Most modes of fashion carried to extremes are ugly. It is a bunch here and a bunch there, too much drapery in one place and not enough in another, health, propriety and beauty are gained against without compromise.

The girl, then, who knows how to steer clear of these evils, and yet not look singular, is an adult girl, who will make the best of herself, and of all the circumstances she may encounter in life.

UNCONGENIAL WORK.

The editors of Success frequently receive letters from men and women in middle life who feel that they are round pegs in square holes, with no possibility of changing their occupation at their time of life.

We realize to the full how trying such conditions must be; and yet, even for those so unfortunately situated, there is light in the present and hope and encouragement in the future. If they will only take heart and resolve to perform cheerfully and to the best of their ability the duties of the position in which inexorable circumstances may have placed them, says that publication,

If you find yourself in a misfit occupation, by which you are able to earn the income necessary to support those dependent upon you, and feel that there is no possibility of changing without inflicting serious suffering on those dear to you, the only thing for you to do is to resolve firmly to make the best of the situation, and, like the oyster which cannot expel the grain of sand which has entered within its shell, cover it with pearl and make it as beautiful as possible.

We know men and women who have so thoroughly mastered uncongenial surroundings that they have really been very successful in their work, in spite of the unfavorable circumstance. A brave, strong resolution to make the best of one's environment, whatever it may be, often works wonders.

If you find yourself irretrievably tied to an occupation for which you have no liking, and have been slighting your work because it was uncongenial, resolve now that you will do no longer. Make up your mind to do everything intrusted to you no matter how trivial it may seem, as well as it can be done.

Not only do it well, but do it cheerfully. Make a firm resolution that you will not be unhappy and be the cause of unhappiness in others, simply because you think you are not doing what you are best adapted to.

It is barely possible, too, that you may have made a mistake in your estimate of your own powers. But, however that may be, your duty is now clear, and no matter how distasteful or disagreeable the work you are compelled to do is, provided it is in itself honest and honorable, you should throw yourself into it with all your might.

Put yourself under stern and rigid discipline each day; be true to your best instincts and faithful to the daily task imposed upon you; be animated with the high purpose of pleasing God rather than yourself, and it may be that the cultivation of this higher and nobler spirit will attract to your opportunities of bettering your condition which otherwise would never have opened to you. This, of course, is only a bare possibility; but, by coming up to this higher plane by refusing to allow your spirit to be fettered by any incident of circumstance, your environment will actually be transformed: "No power on earth," said Lydia Maria Child, "can prevent my soul from holy converse with the angel, even though with my hand I feed pigs." If you do your work in this spirit, you will not only be happy yourself, but, even as the spotless lily draws its sustenance from the dark, unsightly mud, and sheds beauty and fragrance all around, you will diffuse sunshine and happiness wherever you go.

Some of the noblest characters in the world's history have been evolved amid the most unfortunate and uncongenial surroundings. If you cannot attain fame or distinction according to the world's estimate, you can at last build up a beautiful and symmetrical character, and this constitutes the greatest success to which the most learned and most highly cultured can attain.

TAILOR MADE MUST GO.

Occasionally some ideas of the tendencies of future fashions can be obtained from the travelling salesmen of the great department houses, for their sales are for future delivery in most instances, and so their dealings relate to goods that are not to be sprung on the public for weeks to come.

One such traveling man says that it is doubtful if the tailor-made suit idea holds on through next spring, and that he himself is inclined to believe that tailoring styles will prevail.

Prices in the cloak trade are holding up well, and there are demands both for smooth goods and for the fabrics known as semi rough, especially in corded cloths. Box coats have quite a run in the smooth goods, kersey and broadcloth, the chief sales being of the 26-inch length.

Some manufacturers are much disappointed over the failure of the automobile coat to gain in popularity, they anticipated for it. It gained a good deal of advertising at the start, through the remarks of a New York police officer that he had arrested a woman because she wore one, intimating

that it was a flashy article of dress. This advertisement, however, did not seem to boom it much, and sales have not been gaining lately, since the garment has reached the shops in the smaller towns.

Possibly it is due to the reluctance of women who have not unlimited means, that to buy an automobile coat is to run the risk of being tied up to that style of coat after every one else has dropped it, and be in opposition of "nothing else to wear," except this peculiar and ultra style of garment. The name, says the traveler interviewed, has proved to be rather against the extended popularity of the coat, for while a woman can wear golf garments, and never golf, or cycle costumes and never cycle, the deception (if such it may be called) is an easy and mildly considered one. But when 40 women in a town put on automobile coats, when it is known that there are only two machines in the place, the pretense is rather bald.

Of course, it can be said, that no one is expected to own machines, simply because she wears an automobile coat, because that is merely the name of it; but all the same it does seem to have counted, with a good many women, and, therefore, as at first remarked, it is possible that the name has proved a handicap for the garment. Yet these same women do not hesitate to dress out their boys in sailor suits, with U.S.S. Nevada bands on the caps, and to spank the same boys if they even think of going swimming.

Speaking of golf costumes, the demand for the golf cap seems to have disappeared. Apparently all the women players have supplied themselves with these caps, and their durability is such that there is not much wear apparent, after a season or two, while shapes and colors are standard. The placing on the market of so much plaidback, solid-color-surface cloth, has helped to make it easy for everybody to get a cap who wanted one. There is something fascinating about the plaid-back clothings, no matter what the color. It is the same fascination that to the eye that shows itself in the plaid-back steamer rugs—the surprise of turning the fabric over and finding the plaid. The surprise seems to cling to the goods even after no is familiar with the rug or garment through long wear and association.

CHOICE OF JEWELRY.

Every well dressed woman now makes quite a study of suitable jewelry to wear with certain gowns. There is so much color in the dainty neck chains, safety pins, brooches, etc., that they require careful selecting. If the brown eyed woman wears amber or pine coral, let all the items of jewelry correspond; the same with the blue eyed woman who deepens the color of her eyes with blue stones. But do not wear an ambo chain with a turquoise brooch or a blue neck chain with a pink bangle, etc. Keep to the color of one stone, even to the tiny pins that secure the lace about your throat. Pink coral is extremely fashionable just now as well as expensive. In the language of precious stones it is supposed to guard against danger and evil. Strings of coral will be much worn as watch and lorgnette chains.

TWEED GOWNS.

Into what pretty and smart garments can tweed be manipulated, especially when it is the fashion to put dainty collars on the more severe type of tailor-made gowns.

For instance, a greenish red mixture had a fanciful collar of turquoise blue, spotted pine, while a dark brown tweed was adorned with a vandyke collar of green and gold brocade. Altogether, nothing seems too elaborate for the collar of a tweed or serge gown this year, be it a priceless Louis XV. brocade or a beautiful handmade embroidery of some costly lace.

The idea, of course, is French, for the Parisienne loves incongruity in dress, though she is always gowned absolutely comme il faut.

VELVET.

Velvet and velvetine promise to be more worn than ever. A velvetine made up smartly and in a becoming tone of color is a very useful possession to eke out one's wardrobe until the season and styles are more decided.

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ROOM AT THE TOP.

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Nor fancy your life won't tell,
The work is done for all that;
By him who doeth it well.

Paints the world a hill, lad;

Look where the millions stop.

You'll find the crowd at the base, lad,

But there's always room at the top.

Courage, and faith, and patience!

There is space in the old world yet,

You stand a better chance, lad,

Who further along you got.

Keep your eye on the goal, lad;

Never despair or drop,

Be sure your path leads upward,

There's always room at the top.

—ANON.

JOE MURPHY'S START.

Joseph Murphy has reached the goal of his ambition. He is probably the wealthiest actor on the stage today, and numbers among his admirers thousands of theatre-goers, who enjoy the comedies redolent of old friend, his humor, and his pathos. Joseph Jefferson alone rivals him in wealth.

His struggle in early life read like a romance, and show the persevering spirit of this millionaire actor. He was born in Brooklyn, New York State, about fifty-four years ago, and, being thrown upon his own resources at an early age, he went to California, seeking employment in a Sacramento restaurant. This restaurant was burned to the ground, one night, and William Lawrence Murphy (his baptismal name), was bereft of employment. For three days he cast about, looking for work. The third night, in utter despair, he was dragging himself along a side street, when he noticed something shining in the moonlight. What he thought, at first, to be a piece of tin foil, proved to be a twenty-dollar gold piece. After getting supper and a good night's sleep he started again to look for employment. While walking near the river bank, he saw a boy in a boat rowing in to shore. Upon inquiry, he found that the boy was selling wild berries, for which he received one dollar a quart. He bought the boat for ten dollars, got information as to the location of the berry-ground, and that season cleared seventy dollars.

NEW INDUSTRY BY AN INSECT.

During all past time the dried fig trade of the world has been controlled by the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea, and principally by Turkey and Algeria. Figs grow in nearly all warm countries, and superior table figs are found in many localities, including our Southern States and California; but none, when dried, has been found to compare with the so-called Smyrna fig, which has heretofore been grown successfully in Mediterranean regions only.

Now, it is certainly not the habit of the United States to allow herself to drop behind any other part of the world, and this characteristic is particularly in evidence in California. That State would not rest under the world's imputation that she could not supply the world's markets with dried figs equal or superior to those exported from Smyrna and Algiers. The first step was to secure the Smyrna fig trees. This was begun in 1881 by Mr. G. P. Rixford, of the San Francisco "Bulletin," who imported 11,000 cuttings, and distributed them to prominent fruit-growers. When these trees came into bearing, however, the fruit failed to mature, drop plumb to the ground after reaching the size of a marble. Then Dr. Elson, late of the California Academy of Sciences, showed that since before the Christian Era, as pointed out by many early writers, Aristotle and Theophrastus among them, it has been the custom of the Orientals to pluck the fruit of the wild, or so-called Capri fig-tree at a certain time of the year, and to suspend them in the branches of the Smyrna or cultivated fig-trees. He pointed out also that there issued from the wild figs a little insect, which, covered with pollen, entered the cultivated figs, and that afterwards developed and ripened into the beautiful, sweet Smyrna fig. He further pointed out that the young Smyrna fig contains female flowers only; but without the introduction of pollen the seeds will not form, and that upon the formation and maturing of the seeds dependence persistence and ripening of the fig, which is not a fruit of the ordinary kind, but a receptacle filled with a mass of small flowers.

It appeared, therefore, that the next step to take was to introduce and establish the wild, or Capri, fig, with its mate, pollen-bearing flowers, and then the little insect which carries the pollen.

When the wild figs came into bearing, in 1890 and 1891, their pollen was artificially introduced with a small quill into a few young Smyrna figs, fertilizing their flowers, and causing them to persist and ripen. Then they were dried, and it was found that, although the number of seeds was small, the nutty, aromatic flavor of the Smyrna fig was evident.

The little insect was brought over alive in Capri figs, and issued in this country, but without reproducing. Then, in 1899, convinced that the conditions were at last favorable, the United States Department of Agriculture, through one of its travelling agents, secured over-wintering Capri figs in Algiers, and sent them to California. These figs, in the spring of 1899, gave forth the beneficial insects in Fresno fig orchards. All through the summer of that year the insects bred undisturbed, passing through four generations, and increasing in numbers, and the winter of 1900-1901 was successfully passed by them in small figs upon three trees protected from the frosts by a canvas shelter. In the spring of 1900 they issued, laid eggs, and another generation developed in the wild figs, and at the proper time were transferred to the Smyrna trees, where they entered the figs and pollinated them. Just as their ancestors have done for unnumbered generations in Mediterranean countries.—January Forum.

AN ANT HERO.

The sun was just setting when I returned slightly fatigued, from several miles ride on my wheel, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. I took the garden hose and turned water into a small trench which had been dug around a maple tree for the purpose of holding water a sufficient time to permit the dirt adjacent to the roots to become thoroughly soaked.

Sitting down near to rest, my attention was soon attracted to a group of small ants rushing hither and thither in an endeavor to escape. The bottom of the circular ditch being covered, about twenty of the ants sought safety on a large clod of earth. After a little, one of the number proceeded leisurely around the island, and after finishing the circuit, hurried back to its companions. It appeared that they then, for the first time, realized that they were surrounded by water. They rushed about over each other in a terrible state of agitation, for the water was rapidly approaching. There was now hardly room for them to stand on, just a little while and they would be under water. They ceased struggling, settled down into motionless inactivity, and seemed resigned to their fate.

I picked up a little stick and laid it across the water to the points where the ants were. They seemed dazed and did not instantly take advantage of the means of escape afforded them. One then crawled hurriedly up on the stick, went its length out and over the blades of grass to the dry land. Without a moment's hesitation he turned and retraced his steps back to his companions. Now the smallest one of the group returned with him to dry land. They both retraced their steps, and the work of rescue began. The rest seemed passive, entirely subservient to the will of these two. Each with a companion hastened out to a place of safety. One by one they were taken out, the guide accompanying the rescued one each time to a place of security. Why they did not all follow the first one out when he returned puzzled me, but they did not. Two smaller ant now hurried forth with the last one. Still he was not content, and rushed back in search of others. The little hillock was now melted away, and he turned to seek safety for himself. He did not seem so much concerned as before. He did not hasten on as when conscious of rescuing others. The water was running around the stick. The last ant to escape seemed closed on him forever. He went to the highest point and settled down perfectly still. His previous conduct convinced me that he now fully realized that the case was hopeless as far as he was concerned.

Must the bravest of them all thus die, when he could have easily made his escape long ago? He willingly risked his own life that he might save others. Could a more striking example of brotherly love and unselfish devotion be shown? I think not. Within his own power this little insect had no possible means of escape. He did not fear death, neither did he flee, but he was the last to escape. I lifted the stick from the water and laid it on the ground. He crawled hurriedly away to his companions. Within his fingers now and then, but all the while acquiring that experience which at the age of eight or nine makes adepts of the youngsters.

All around this little German town for miles the peasants are engaged in the making of toys, even the youngest tots have their knives and they will cut out the quaint little figures in their crude way cutting their chubby little fingers now and then, but all the while acquiring that experience which at the age of eight or nine makes adepts of the youngsters. Some of the young folk paint or sandpaper the toys that the older folk have made. They all work and they are always at work.

No sooner is Christmas past than they get to work again to make ready

A BANDMAN NOT HIRED.

A year ago when there were rumors concerning the resignation of Secretary Lynn J. Gage from President McKinley's Cabinet, the name of Mr. Leslie M. Shaw, of Iowa, was coupled with the contingent vacancy.

Mr. Shaw is a self

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ST. PATRICK'S.

Rev. Father Grogan, C.S.S.R., who has been confined to his bed with La Grippe, for nearly two weeks, is rapidly gaining strength and will soon be out among his parishioners again.

Mrs. Henry Grogan, of Anderson St., who has been ailing for some time, passed peacefully away at her home last week. Her funeral took place from St. Patrick's to St. Michael's Cemetery, on Wednesday, R. I. P.

Mrs. Hannah Cavanagh, of 121 University Avenue, died at her home on Saturday last, and was buried from St. Patrick's Church on Monday. Mrs. Cavanagh was 81 years of age, and was a well-known attendant at her parish church. May her soul rest in peace.

Mrs. Anna Waldron, of 107 Simcoe Street, was buried from St. Patrick's Church on Thursday last. She was 84 years of age, and was a well-known figure in St. Patrick's. R. I. P.

Mrs. Margaret Fluty, of 11 John St., was buried from St. Patrick's on Monday. Her death was particularly sad. Mrs. Fluty took carbolic acid in mistake for medicine. May her soul rest in peace.

ST. MICHAEL'S.

Miss McGuinn, who lived with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. McGuinn, of the Golden Lion Hotel, died Monday morning at two o'clock. The funeral was held from St. Michael's Cathedral, on Tuesday, at 9 a.m., when Solemn High Mass was celebrated for the repose of her soul. R. I. P.

Father Parky N. Murray, son of W. A. Murray, has returned from South Africa, where he won great honor by his courage and ability. He is a lieutenant of artillery.

Father Fred Strachie, of Dundas St., has returned from the South African war.

Father McFadden, P. D., Greencore, Donegal, Ireland, who is collecting in the United States for the Lehigheney Cathedral, is visiting at the Palms. It was Father McFadden who, by dint of strong and unceasing agitation, secured so much for the peasants of Donegal from the British Government. He is a born agitator, and his training has increased the natural drift of his character a hundred-fold. Father McFadden is an entertaining talker. He has great hopes for Ireland's future, but he does not look for any great concessions from the British Parliament through the Irish representatives; he believes in agitation among the people, a constant driving at the evils that he would have done away with. He is a firm believer in the plan of the ceaseless and outspoken agitation that is now going on in Ireland, on the principle that if the Irish do not continue to let the Government see what they want, and keep it well before their eyes from morning till night and night till morning, that the will imagine that the Irish are satisfied with the existing state of affairs in the Green Isle. Father McFadden has very pronounced views upon the Irish question, and has a great facility of speech in giving vent to them. His work in the United States has been blessed with much success. He intends remaining here a week or more.

STS. PETER AND PAUL SOCIETY.

The Syrian congregation, whose church is at the corner of Shuter and Victoria Streets, is becoming alive to the necessity of looking after the education of its children. Hitherto, owing to a lack of knowledge on the part of many of the parents, several children have been attending the Public Schools in the city. Realizing that something must be done to to away with this danger to which the faith of their children was being exposed, some of the members of the congregation got together and formed a society—Sts. Peter and Paul—whose object will be to not only see to it that the children secure a good Catholic education in the Separate Schools, but also with the aim to give the adults a foundation in English, by means of a night school, which they purpose establishing as soon as possible. This Society, which was formed at the beginning of the year, is active and thriving. Meetings are held at least twice a week, and subjects of interest to the Syrian Catholics of the city discussed. The main difficulty in the establishment of the much-needed night school is funds, and as soon as they can be secured our Syrian brethren feel that they will soon place themselves on a par with their co-religionists in the city. Any persons wishing to contribute to this good work may address any communications to Mr. Paul Awad, 167 York St. The officers of the Society are: Pres., M. N. Awad; Vice-Pres., Paul Awad; Treas., P. Abd. Secy., M. Abis.

ST. BASIL'S.

Mrs. Brigham of Iribtown was buried from St. Basil's last week. May her soul rest in peace.

Sir Frank Smith is very low at his residence on Bloor street and his death is hourly anticipated. He is suffering from a general breaking up of the system and it is but a matter of days at the most until the grand old man of Toronto shall have passed away. Sir Frank has received the rites of the Church and is ready for the dread call.

Inspector White has been making the rounds of the Separate schools this week, beginning with St. Basil's.

ST. MARY'S.

Literary and Atheltic.

SUNNYSIDE ORPHANAGE.

The following Xmas donations are most thankfully acknowledged by the Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of the Sacred Heart Orphanage, Sunnyside. The Sisters are most grateful to the many kind friends of the Institution who have helped them to provide for those under their care, not only at Xmas, but during the past year.—Mrs. James Clarke, New York, \$10. A Friend, \$25.00.

Mr. William Fitzgerald, \$20.00.

J. C. B. U. No. 1 Branch, \$12.00.

Mr. S. Cosgrave, \$10.00.

Mr. B. Kennedy, \$10.00.

A Friend, \$10.00.

Mr. Gunnin, \$0.00.

Mr. J. McMenamin, \$5.00.

Mr. William Clarke, \$5.00.

Mr. Coushough, \$5.00.

Miss Smyth, \$1.00.

Mr. J. F. Connolly, \$5.00.

Mrs. Gunnin, New York, \$5.00.

Mr. Clarke, \$3.00.

Mr. Henry, \$3.00.

Mr. V. Hughes, \$2.00.

A Friend, \$2.00.

Mr. Greene, \$2.00.

Mrs. L. Halligan, \$2.50.

Miss Fraser, \$1.00.

Mr. J. O'Leary, \$1.00.

Mrs. Music, \$1.00.

Mr. Temple, \$1.00.

Mr. Malachy Finnigan, \$1.00.

Mr. Vale, 75 cts.

A Friend, 25 cts.

Very Rev. V. G. McCann, 1 lamb.

Father Ryan, 1 turkey.

Father Walsh, 1 turkey.

Father Rojek, 1 turkey.

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Rev. Dr. Tracey, candy.

Father Manahan, oranges, nuts and candy.

Mr. Barry, 1 turkey.

A Friend, 1 turkey.

Mr. W. Tullon, 1 turkey.

W. Henry, 1 turkey.

Mrs. S. Cosgrave, 1 turkey.

W. Ryan & Co., 8 turkeys and 5 geese.

Mr. Power, power house, 2 turkeys.

Mr. McQuillan, Brock Ave., candy and 1 turkey.

Mrs. McDonald, 1 turkey.

Mrs. Hoar, fruit and 1 goose.

Mrs. Nolan, 1 turkey.

Mr. John Beers, 1 turkey.

Mrs. Sheehan, 1 turkey.

Mr. O'Leary, 1 turkey.

Mrs. Clarke, 1 turkey.

Mr. Edward Stock, 1 sheep.

Mr. Eugene O'Keefe, 1 gr. beef.

Mr. S. Hilligan, 1 gr. beef.

Mrs. Shamer, 1 ham.

Mr. McGill, 1 turkey.

S. Coffey & Co., 5 lbs. flour.

Mr. Kelly, Junction, 1 bbl. flour.

Carlisle Brown, 2 bbls. biscuits.

J. B. Bradshaw, popcorn.

Mr. John Ryan, oranges and raisins.

Mr. J. Steun, raisins, nuts and figs.

Miss Morris, candy.

Mr. Geo. Floy, raisins, currants, and candy.

Mrs. McConnell, wine and candy.

Mr. Dunlop, cut flowers.

Rico Louis, garters.

Steels, Briggs, holly.

Mrs. Wm. Ryan, dolls.

Mrs. Teeoff, clothing.

Mrs. R. Gallagher, case oranges and candy.

Mrs. Hally, candy.

Tait-Bredin, 200 large leaves.

Mr. Beech, 12 dozen hair brushes.

Mr. Hugo Kelly, oranges.

Mrs. Hughes, candy.

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Mr. J. Hirst, Elliott House, Delft.

Mr. Brown, Duluth, 2 lbs. beef, 9 turkeys, 3 geese; Mr. Agle, Alton, Ontario, 12 oz. hams, for the children.

ADJALA.

The return of Mr. Semple from South Africa was the occasion of great rejoicing in Tottenham and Adjala. A bugle platform was erected in the market-place of Tottenham and speeches were delivered. Rev. Mr. Nicol, Rev. Mr. Large, Rev. Father Kilkenny, P.P., St. James', Rev. Dr. Tracey, of Toronto, were the principal speakers. In the evening a patriotic concert was held, at which Mr. Semple was presented with a gold watch and a well-filled purse.

WALKERTON DISTRIBUTION.

A pleasant little school function took place at the Separate School, Walkerton, at the annual prize distribution to the pupils. Mr. McGillivray, manager of the Bank of Commerce, who takes a warm interest in school matters, very kindly presented a handsome book for competition in each of the four forms. These were given to Miss Eva Messner, Form 4; Miss Juliet Oberle, Form 3; Miss Salvator Krebs, Form 2; and Miss Annie Schaeffer, Form 1.

Several vocal and instrumental pieces were splendidly presented by the pupils, and also a farce play, and dumb-bell exercises. The farce of the village doctor was amusingly commented by the appearance of Dr. Fawcett, just as his counterpart in the play was giving the patient a dose of colored water "a torpid three times a day, shake before using." The audience enjoyed the joke, and so did the doctor. There was quite a large attendance of visitors and invited guests.

The performances were: Instrumental

tri, Misses E. O'Malley, O. Rootz, and E. Endecott. Opening address of welcome, A. Schnurr, Chorus, D. Wright am Rhine, 4th Form pupils, Recitation, 4th Form girls, Dumbbell Drill, 4th Form boys, Chorus, "Put Your Shoulder to the Wheel," Instrumental Gallop, Misses N. Smith, M. Spitzig, C. Heffernan, March, piano, M. Messner, E. Messner; mandolin, E. Traxx, I. Goetz, D. Schumacher, J. Oberle; banjo, L. McNamara; guitar, J. Traxx, L. Porteous, M. Lobinger; cello, E. Schnurr; farce playing, L. Gootz, W. Schnurr, L. Lehman, solo and chorus, Misses H. Farwell, L. Smith, R. Traxx, M. Harrison, D. Schumacher, J. Oberle, R. Schumacher, Drama, "Queen of the Beautiful," solo girls, Vocal duet, "Christmas Carol," L. Porteous, N. Baker, Autograph, "Nearer My God to Thee," M. Brisban, Instrumental, "Adeste Fideles," L. Commins, A. Schumacher, F. Brisban, The performance closed with the National Anthem.

In addition to the school pupils, the Sisters have a large class of outsiders taking music lessons, and a number of these nestled in the entertainment. A couple of hours were very pleasantly spent by their guests.—Herald.

CHATHAM.

C. M. B. A. OFFICERS.

The following officers were duly installed for the current year, of Branch No. 8, of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Chatham:—

Pres.—Peter Robert.

1st Vice.—William Primeau.

2nd Vice.—John Rohan.

Rec. Sec.—John Welsh.

Asst. Rec. Sec.—John B. Downey.

Financial Sec.—D. J. O'Keefe.

Treas.—J. U. Talbot.

Guard—Geo. H. Bolduc.

Marshal—David Canney.

Trustee—E. M. Coyne and Owen Dillon.

D. J. O'Keefe performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Chancellor Edward Scardon. Delegate to Grand Council Convention, D. J. O'Keefe; alternate, Wm. Primeau.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

The Board is constituted of the following gentlemen for the coming year:—Jos. T. O'Keefe, Peter Robert, Edward Reardon, William O'Brien, John Stephens, Peter Blondo, John Welsh, James A. Gordon, Frank E. Gorbor and James A. Kling.

A SOLDIER'S MONUMENT.

A monument is on foot to erect a monument in memory of Pte. Donegan, who left Chatham to join the first Canadian contingent for the British army in South Africa, and who lost his life during the bloody engagement at Paardeberg. Pte. Donegan was a member of St. Joseph's parish.

HAMILTON I. C. B. U.

Annual Banquet of the Union.

After transacting their regular business, the members of I.C.B.U. Branch No. 4, adjourned to Bro. Knappman's parlors, James Street North, to attend their annual banquet on Tuesday evening last. There were about 50 members present, including Grand Organizer S. Hallot and Bro. Shep, of Toronto. Following is the toast list:

Our Queen—Bro. J. E. Cummings.
Grand Officers—Bro. Hallot and
Shep.

Our Visitors—L. Vogard, and T. Frazer.

Our Grand President—Bro. J. E. Cummings.

Our Host—Bro. G. K. Lapman.

Bros. E. A. Peacock, M. Grace, J. Whitmore, W. Melody, F. Matlorina, J. Quillivan, sang, and Bros. M. Grace and F. Frayne recited.

H. E. Thorndill was accompanist.

The committee in charge consisted of Bros. Cummings, M. Grace, W. Melody, M. Smith, E. A. Peacock, P. Muloney, J. O'Connor.

The following are the officers for the coming year:—