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THURSDAY, SEPT. 7.

The following, from *The Ave Maria*, is reproduced here in the hope that the good example of this lawyer may be the means of enkindling in others something of his zeal for the spread of Catholic truth:

A lawyer in one of our large cities has succeeded in placing on the shelves of the public library copies of every important Catholic book noticed in these pages for years past. The complete works of Newman and Brownson, and Dr. Shea's "History of the Catholic Church in the United States," are among the number. This zealous layman declares that if all our standard books are not found in public libraries everywhere, it is our own fault. We are of the same opinion and have many times said so.

"General" Coxe, who led the famous "army" of the unemployed to Washington a few years ago, is now, it is reported, in a fair way to become a millionaire, a lead mine in Missouri in which he is interested having proved exceedingly rich. As we have not the honour of the "General's" acquaintance we cannot predict with absolute certainty that his views of property and kindred subjects will suffer change by reason of his sudden acquisition of wealth; but unless the ex-leader of that unique army is somewhat different from the ordinary reformer, it would be safe to wager that his army principles will go to keep company with the erstwhile ultra-radical views of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, for which that distinguished statesman has now no further use.

It seems that the tempter recently made overtures to the Holy Father, as of old he approached his Master. The Pope has a vineyard in the Vatican gardens; and some speculators recently made a proposition to the administrator of the Peter's Pence looking to the sale of the wine therefrom at the Paris Exposition. As, however, the Papal vineyard would be quite inadequate to the demand which these enterprising gentlemen foresaw, their proposition naively included a request for permission to sell wine of similar colour and taste with the Vatican label. The inducement offered was half the proceeds—no trifling consideration when one remembers the state of the Pontifical exchequer. Needless to say, however, the Holy Father, who, though admittedly a very enlightened man—for a Pope,—has evidently not yet accepted the modern doctrine that "business is business," indignantly declined the honour of becoming a wine merchant and a party to a fraud.

The negotiations for a *modus vivendi* regarding the Alaskan boundary have been resumed at Washington by Secretary Hay and Mr. Tower, the British *Charge d' Affaires*. They are supposed to be progressing favourably, though it is declared that the United States positively refuses to recede from her position, taken last July, not to surrender, even temporarily, any territory declared (by herself, apparently) to belong to her at or since the purchase from Russia. How two parties can negotiate to any purpose, with one of them in that state of mind, is not easy to understand. In such circumstances the only peaceful method of settlement is arbitration, and this also the United States has, it seems, refused, except upon a condition not so much humiliating to England as insulting to the rest of Europe—to wit, that the umpire shall not be a European. The burning zeal for international arbitration and peaceful inter-

national department generally, manifested by the United States representatives at The Hague, and their fine sentiments over the grave of Grotius, must, in the light of present events and of the prompt refusal of their Government to accept Spain's offer of arbitration, be understood to be purely theoretical.

The publication of Mr. Frederic Harrison's open letter to Lord Salisbury, in the *London Chronicle* last week, wherein the noted free-thinker implores the British Premier to prevent "a war of naked aggression" against the South African Republic, will cause many Catholics who have escaped the craze of jingoism to contrast, with feelings far removed from complacency, his sentiments with the imperialistic utterances of a prince of the Church in the same city on the fourth of July last. We shall remember to our dying day the humiliation with which we read of the gush, the anthem-singing and the flag-waving on the part of an assemblage of prominent ecclesiastics of our faith in the United States in the first days of another war of naked aggression, and contrasted it all with the resolutions in reference to the same event adopted by the poor Unitarians of Boston. Would that the love of justice and fair-play displayed by people so far from the light of faith might inspire some of those who are the chosen representatives of the Prince of Peace with a sense of what, in this particular, is becoming to their exalted office, and of the pitiable smallness—to say nothing else—of the so-called patriotism of the our-country-right-or-wrong order when compared with that noble love of justice and hatred of iniquity which stops not to inquire whether the oppressor be friend or foe!

President Schurman of Cornell, member of the (as a matter of course) exclusively Protestant Commission to the Catholic Philippines, has returned to the United States and has submitted—with what extreme reluctance will readily be understood by all who know Dr. Schurman—to the operation of interviewing. It is not stated whether or not the Doctor took an anesthetic preparatory to the operation, but from the result we should incline to the belief that he did. He denies absolutely and *in toto*, without qualification or reservation, and with what might be considered superabundant protestation, were it not for its utter and fatal lack of corroboration, that any Catholic churches in the Philippines were desecrated or looted by United States soldiers; and he refers to Father McKinnon, of San Francisco, who was with the army in Manila, in proof of what he says. Father McKinnon left Manila before the United States troops had moved out of that city, which, with its environs, was, we believe, the only place in the Philippines that that priest visited. Dr. Schurman, when not safe in the city, was cruising peacefully around the shores of the islands. Evidently the learned President of Cornell is a firm believer in the conclusive character of evidence such as was tendered by the Hibernian charged with stealing a pig, who, when confronted by two witnesses who swore they saw him commit the theft, offered to produce two dozen who would swear that they (the aforesaid two dozen) did not see him do anything of the kind. Unfortunately for the weight of Dr. Schurman's testimony, it is contradicted not only by that of perfectly reliable witnesses who are testifying to what they *did* see, and not to what they did *not* see, but by sacred articles from those very churches now on exhibition in the United States as trophies of war, in proof of the absolute truth of what these men say.

Dr. Schurman retails all the old cock-and-bull stories about the alleged oppression of the natives by the priests,—stories refuted and exploded a hundred times over; and he is even childish enough—this head of an ambitious American university—to tell the people of the United States in all apparent seriousness that the Filipinos are fighting them because they have got the impression that the United States Government is unduly favourable to priests. Well, now, why did not the Doctor cover himself with glory and earn the everlasting gratitude

of both the Filipinos and their would-be conquerors by inducing them to send a delegation to spend six months in the United States, taking in, among other things, the proceedings at Washington when appropriations are before Congress? Hostilities (except those directed against the churches, which must, on the Doctor's theory, be rather popular with the Filipinos) could be suspended in the meantime; and the delegation would go back at the end of that time thoroughly convinced that their countrymen had made a most egregious and inexplicable mistake as to the attitude of the Government of the glorious republic; Aguinaldo and his deluded followers would forthwith lay down their arms; and Dr. Schurman, as the hero of this bloodless victory, might temporarily exchange the Presidency of Cornell for that of the United States. But no—we quite forgot for the moment that he had the misfortune to be born in Prince Edward Island, which, despite the eminent qualifications displayed (perhaps under ether) in this interview, will forever debar him from being the successor of the illustrious statesman McKinley,—unless indeed the Doctor could direct expansion northward so as to take his natal island along with all the others that the country of his adoption is now benevolently appropriating.

Seriously, however, the judicious friends of Dr. Schurman must sincerely pity him for the exhibition of puerility he has given. For ourselves we are not greatly surprised. We had ample opportunity of observing the future President of Cornell at close range while he was a professor in the University of Dalhousie at Halifax; and being greatly impressed with his tendency to chronic enlargement of the head, we have invariably smiled quietly in our sleeve when we saw an esteemed contemporary making him one of the objects of its hero-worship.

At a recent meeting of the Wesleyan Conference in London a number of apostate French priests, variously stated at from fifteen to eighteen, were literally exhibited at one of the meetings,—placed in a row and made to stand up one by one to be described to the spectators, who, as furnishers of the "sinews of war," felt that they had a right to see the captives. Our Halifax contemporary *The Wesleyan* gave up almost the whole of the first page of its issue of August 16 to a description of the show, copied from *The Methodist Times* of London. It comprised some curious specimens. There was, for instance, the star attraction—M. Bourrier, who was described by the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, ex-President of the Conference and chief showman of the occasion, as "a French Protestant pastor," but who, when his turn came to speak his little piece, declared, according to the same account, that he was not prepared to identify himself with Protestantism, and explained that Protestantism was despised by the French people and could not even get a hearing in France. All the "converts," however, agreed in this—and stress was laid upon it as a clear proof of their sincerity—that all had promptly taken wives, except one, who, it was declared, proposed thus to demonstrate his sincerity the very next week. With such dexterity had these truly evangelical clergymen posted to sacrilegious unions. It was the witty Father Healy, we believe, who used to say that Protestant recruits from the ranks of the priesthood always owed their conversion to one of two causes—punch or Judy. From the record of these French ex-priests it is quite evident that, though the former had doubtless a share in the good work of bringing them to see the errors of Rome, the latter was the great factor and source of enlightenment therein. Given this knowledge and a statement of the funds supplied from England, it should not surprise anyone that in a country where the parochial clergy alone number over 40,000 it should be possible to get together fifteen, or even eighteen, men of the character of those exhibited in London. Even at the higher figure, it is considerably less than half of "one in a thousand," and is away below the proportion of unfaithfulness in the apostolic college itself.

There was one among the "converts" who, if there be anything in the possession of "a saving sense of humour," is not beyond hope. This was a certain M. Claveau, who was the last speaker, and who told the audience, through an interpreter, (we quote from the account in *The Methodist Times*) that he "was struck with the unity which prevailed among Protestants of different denominations, which was far greater than that among the different Orders of priests and monks in the Roman Catholic Church!" The next sentence reads: "This most interesting meeting was then brought to a close." We should think it would be, after that! It evidently dawned upon the audience, though the writer of the account in *The Methodist Times* failed to see it, that their French guests and pensioners were poking fun at them.

The above mentioned M. Bourrier, the publisher of a sheet whose title, in English, is *The French Christian*, told his English audience that, it being useless to try to make Protestants of Frenchmen, he had to be satisfied with making Christians of them. And they applauded him when he declared that it was a feature of the propaganda of himself and his fellow-workers to endeavour to induce priests and others to join them secretly and propagate their heresies while outwardly retaining their place in the Church. Upon this *The Tablet* remarks with most justifiable warmth:

This seems to us a somewhat singular admission to make in the face of an English audience. According to this avowed programme a priest won over to this movement is to retain his position and profession in the Catholic Church while disbelieving in, and secretly refuting, her doctrines. In other words he is counselled to lead the life of a cowardly hypocrite, professing the faith and drawing the pay of the Church while he is secretly undermining her teaching. But is not this the very charge, *totidem verbis*, which the English Nonconformists so wantonly make against the Ritualists, and the one against which, at meeting after meeting, they employ all the vehemence of their rhetoric? And yet this very line of action, when applied against the Catholic Church, is approved and applauded to the echo at the meeting of the Wesleyan Conference! Truly we have not yet exhausted the india-rubber qualities of the "Nonconformist conscience." If the exhibition of ex-priests elicited nothing more than this, the event would still be worth remembering as an insight into the motives and tactics of a certain aggressive and self-asserting section of the Protestant public, and one with which we should be truly sorry to associate thousands of good and earnest and truly conscientious Nonconformists.

### Catholic Notes.

A second volume of the life of Dr. Brownson, which is being prepared by his son, is now in the hands of the printers. The work will be complete in three volumes.

The report that the case between the Bishops of the United States and the authorities of the Christian Brothers in France had been decided in favour of the latter is premature. The Right Rev. Bishop Byrne, of Nashville, who represented the American Episcopate in the proceedings at Rome, has returned, and says that no decision will be arrived at before November or December next. The dispute, as our readers know, concerns the teaching of classics in schools and colleges of the Brothers in the United States, which, though permitted for many years, contrary to the rules of the Order, was recently prohibited by the Superior General.

The news of the serious illness, from a stroke of paralysis, of the Marquis of Bute, the most prominent Catholic layman in Scotland, will be heard with deep regret, especially by his fellow-Catholics. A convert to the Church at the age of twenty-one, his position as one of the highest noblemen in the land, combined with his own sterling character, his marked ability and his ripe scholarship, contributed to win the respect of the Scottish people for the faith of their forefathers. The degree of LL. D. conferred upon him by the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh, and his election as Lord Rector by St. Andrew's six years ago, are sufficient evidence of his standing in the intellectual world in his native country. He has been indeed a unique figure, this truly pious and learned nobleman—ever striving to advance the interests of the faith among

his people. English-speaking Catholics owe to his scholarly pen a translation of the Roman Breviary and the Missal. There will be fervent prayers offered for the recovery of the worthy Marquis, who is yet in the prime of life, being scarcely fifty-two years of age.

One of the most heart-rending catastrophes in the history of Halifax happened in the harbor there on Monday evening. The day was a holiday—Labor Day—and was spent by most of the citizens in recreation. Among those who thus spent it was a party consisting of most of the members of the family of Robert J. Davidson, of No. 70, Argyle Street, sexton of St. Paul's (Anglican) Church, including his son Robert, who was a plumber in the employ of Messrs. Hoben & Wooten, this son's wife—a bride of five months—Mr. Davidson's five daughters—Alice, Florence, Bertha, Louise and Mabel, ranging in age from 24 to 12, and four friends of the family—William Hamilton, of the City Clerk's office, and John Hancock, of the Furness-Withy Steamship Co.'s office, and Albert E. Endy and J. Poole, of H. M. S. Talbot—all young people. The party went to McNab's Island in a sailboat in the forenoon, and after spending a very pleasant day there, left to return about 5.30. The wind was then very high and the harbor exceedingly rough; but the men from the warship were expert sailors and they had no fear. Soon after setting out, however, they met with a mishap; the great strain on the mast split the step holding it, and the mast was driven through the bottom of the boat, causing her to fill and sink almost immediately. Robert Davidson and his wife his three sisters, Alice, Florence and Mabel, with Hamilton and Hancock—seven in all—were drowned after a hard struggle for life. The two men of the Talbot succeeded in saving one each of the Davidson sisters, keeping afloat until rescued by boats; and one of them declares that two others could have been saved but for the heartlessness of a man in a passing boat, who went by quite near to them, and despite their appeals for help, kept on to the shore and landed a number of women who were with him before returning to their assistance, when too late. The sad occurrence naturally cast a deep gloom over the city.

Messrs. Harland & Wolff, the mammoth shipbuilding firm of Belfast, profess to be under the necessity of discharging 2,000 of their employes because of the refusal by the Harbour Commissioners of that city of their application for fourteen acres of land adjoining their shipyards, which they want for the extension of their works.

*The Maritime Mining Record* points out that if the prospective iron and steel works at Sydney is as large as it is declared it will be, the Dominion will be called upon to pay the company \$1,314,000 in bounties, and that if the Nova Scotia Steel Company decide to go into competition with the new concern, the bounties to the island of Cape Breton will probably reach \$2,000,000.

A fierce race war is in progress at Darien, Georgia, between whites and blacks. It arose out of the arrest for an alleged crime of a negro politician, whom his coloured compatriots feared the whites would lynch. They therefore rose in a body and endeavoured to rescue him and the war has been the result. Troops have been called out; 35 negro prisoners are awaiting trial, and an attack upon the whites in the suburbs of the city is constantly feared.

The *Montreal Star* says that Mr. E. E. Wallace, a butter merchant of that city, has discovered a rich mine of antimony in Hants County, N. S., which is thought to be one of the largest deposits in the world. He is about to go to England to place it on the market.

Another street car was blown up with dynamite in Cleveland, Ohio, on Aug. 30. Several passengers sustained broken limbs. Two other cars were mobbed on the previous night and the passengers compelled to flee for their lives.

It is said that tobacco grown in the province of Ontario is selling well in London, Eng., and that large orders have been received as a result of samples shown there.

It is said that the remains of a city have been discovered near Santa Fe, New Mexico, and that one building was uncovered which was 300 by 400 feet containing some 2,000 rooms.

Farm Notes.

There is no grain crop that can be grown in orchards with better advantage than buckwheat. It is not exhaustive and its broad leaves shade the soil so that it does not make the land dry as other grain crops do.

There are many places in low lands by the roadside where the wash of the road has made the soil very rich. Soda cut from such land and piled in heaps rot down readily, especially if some wood ashes are thrown on them to hasten decomposition.

At the recent meeting of Wisconsin cheesemakers, Prof. L. T. Haecker spoke, says The American Agriculturist, on the cost of milk and butter products from the different breeds. He pointed out that while the milk products varied a little with breed, more importance was to be attached to the matter of feeding.

How to Use Swamp Muck.

Mr. Frank T. Shutt, Chemist of the Central Experimental Farm, replies thus to a Prince Edward Island dairymen who says—"I have a bed of swamp muck on my farm and should like to know how to use it to the best advantage as a fertilizer."

At any time when there is leisure and the swamp is dry enough to put horses on, take out the muck with a horse shovel, and pile it, if possible, on rising ground, so that it may thoroughly dry and weather.

Into the trench behind the cattle put every day a layer of a few inches of this muck—a good shovelful to each animal will be about right. It will be found to hold all the urine (thus preventing waste of the most valuable part of the manure) and make cleaning a very much easier piece of work than where straw alone is used.

In cleaning the stable, the dung and muck will be intimately intermixed, and in this condition can be rotted without much fear of loss, if covered with a few inches of dry muck or soil and protected from drenching rain.

Mildew and Other Stains.

Mildew and iron rust are almost indelible unless they are taken out at once. One of the most successful methods of removing mildew is as follows: Mix half a cup of soft soap with equal quantities of powdered starch and salt. Squeeze in the

juice of a lemon. Spread this mixture on the mildew spots, on both sides; spread the spotted cloth on the grass and let it lie in a strong sun one day and remain until the next morning, then turn it over and let it bleach another day on this side. Take the cloth up and rinse it well. Of course, such stains can only be removed from white goods, as this stain eradicator would remove the colour from any coloured goods. Remove iron rust stains with salt wet to a paste with lemon juice. It is said that the juice of a tomato and salt are equally efficacious. Fresh ink stains may usually be washed out in clear water if no soap has been used on them, and the faint remnant of a dark colour left bleached out on the grass after moistening it with soda and boiling water.

Acknowledgments.

Table listing names and amounts for acknowledgments, including Rev. D. Chisholm, Wm. Purcell, R. L. McLean, etc.

In France a method of seasoning wood through the agency of electricity is credited with much success. It is called the Modon-Bretonneau process. The timber is nearly immersed in a tank of water containing ten per cent. of borax, five of resin, and a little carbonate of soda, and rests on a lead plate connected with the positive pole of a dynamo.

Items of Interest.

Round shoulders and hollow chests are due to the relaxation of the muscles of the back, and no amount of straightening up will remove the cause. When the muscles of the back become weak from loss of energy, the muscles of the chest naturally pull the shoulders forward.

It seems, says the New York Sun, that abroad the demand for the new fuel, astalki, as a steam producer, is constantly on the increase. It is a product of the oil wells of Baku, a dark, viscous fluid, not more inflammable than vegetable oil and less so than coal.

"Oil" on the Troubled Waters.

An American not unqualified to judge expresses his opinion in language rather too racy for reproduction, that President McKinley is, more wanting in moral courage than was President Garfield, and in truthfulness than was President Hayes.

There is even relief in turning from the sanctimony of the President to the frankness of The Globe-Democrat, which hopes that the bloody little wretch and despot, Aguinaldo, the insolent assailant of the American flag, will be driven into the sea.

WONDERFUL ASTHMA RECOVERIES.

Clarke's Kola Compound Officially Tested by the British Columbia Government, at the Home for incurables, Kamloops, B. C., the Medical Superintendent Pronounced Long-standing Cases Cured.

Many temporary relief asthma remedies have during the past few years been given before the public, but until the introduction to the medical profession of Clarke's Kola Compound, nothing has been found to have any effect on preventing future attacks.

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lies concerned, which, except in the eyes of buccaneers, does not affect justice. Limitations are generally extravagant and vulgar. This imitation of European war powers by American jingoism is no exception to the rule.

The Big Maritime Fair.

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition, Sept. 23rd to 30th, 1899. \$17,000 offered in PRIZES \$17,000

Increased Prizes in Cattle, Sheep, Poultry, Agricultural Products, Flowers and Fish. Improved Facilities in every department. Write for Prize Lists. FOUR DAYS RACING. Big Purse or Trotting and Pacing.

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The subscriber offers for sale the well-known and desirable farm situated at the Lower West River, 4 miles from Antigonish, N.S., 200 acres, more or less; 60 acres interval, more or less, cutting a large quantity of Timothy hay; 20 acres upland under cultivation; the rest is excellent pasture. A good house and barn. No waste land, all in good condition.

FOR SALE.

A part of the well-known Walsh Farm at Fairmont, owned by the undersigned, containing 200 Acres. About one-third cleared, the balance well-wooded with hard and soft wood; 10 acres of good Marsh; excellent pasturage; good water. Terms reasonable.

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That well-known farm at Williams Point, distant from Town about 2 1/2 miles, formerly owned by the late Donald McKinnon, consisting of 125 Acres of Excellent Land, yielding largely of Hay and other crops. Will be sold at a very reasonable figure. Apply to ANGUS McDONALD, Williams' Point. Aug. 8, 1899.—3mo

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LAND FOR SALE. TWO pieces of good, desirable land on Church street extension, one containing about fourteen acres, the other about ten. Apply to Miss M. McDONALD, Main Street Antigonish.

Custom Tailoring. I have much pleasure in announcing to our many customers, and the public generally, that I have employed Mr. ANGUS MCGILLIVRAY. His reputation as Cutter is so well known that I need not say further than that it would be difficult to persuade any who have had work done by him to try another. My stock of ENGLISH, SCOTCH and CANADIAN TWEEDS, WORSTEDS and OVERCOATINGS for Spring is now complete with PRICES LOWER THAN EVER.

THOMAS SOMERS. Ask your Grocer for EDDY'S. EAGLE Parlor Matches 2008. VICTORIA " " 1008. Little Comet " " 653. The Finest in the World. No Bristles. E. B. EDDY CO. Limited, Hull, P. Q.

New Custom Tailoring Shop. We have opened up business in Custom Tailoring at the corner of MAIN and COLLEGE STS., next door to the Antigonish Book-store. Our long experience in selecting and making-up Men's, Boys' and Youths' Suits, Overcoats, etc., is such that we can guarantee satisfaction in all work entrusted to us, and we respectfully solicit the favor of a call from all contemplating a Spring Overcoat or a new Suit. Particular attention given to Clergymen's Soutanes. GRANT & CO.



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

A Visit to Grand Codroy River.

A few years ago the facilities for travel between Newfoundland and Cape Breton were by no means what they are to-day.

On the evening of the 25th ult. the writer, in company with a fellow-pilgrim, boarded the Bruce, to assist at the dedication, the next day, of the new Catholic Church at Grand Codroy, Newfoundland.

The train service from Port au Basque to St. John's does not quite equal ours in Canada. It is very efficient, however, and most highly appreciated, no doubt, by the travelling public and business men...

Less than one hour's ride by rail from Port au Basque, through a tract of country most of which has not been known and never shall know, spade or plough, brings us to a place called Little Codroy Station.

There is what is called the worldly spirit which enters with the greatest subtlety into the character of even good people...

that day. I confess that I was not prepared just then for that sudden burst of demonstration and scenery. After miles of forest, one is not often greeted so suddenly with streaming colours...

At 10 o'clock the ceremony of dedication began. The Right Rev. Dr. McNeil officiating, assisted by Father Sears as Deacon and Father William Browne as Sub-deacon.

What strikes the visitor to Grand Codroy as strange and unexpected, is the preponderance there of such Scotch names as McNeil, Gillis, &c., &c.

In Memory of Antigonish.

(Apropos of the recent spiritual retreat of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame.) We love thy grass-clad slopes, thy sweet wild glens,

We love thy sainted ground, Go Te acre, Where many earth-worn, tired of sin and strife are calmly sleeping in the peace of Christ.

We love the House of God that decks the hill, The quiet convent standing to its right,

For "Christ dies not," the storied years attest, And thus His works may in the dust lie low,

We love thee, Mount St. Bernard, and we bless The open hand that bade thee rise once more;

O sweet and restful spot, thy hallowed charms Have weaned our souls from earthly cares apart,

The straight and thorny path that upward leads, The weary burden of this robe of clay,

O Marg'rite Bourgeois, smile upon this spot And keep it always fresh and fair and bright;

Bless those who till, that autumn fields be white.

Chicken Fattening Stations and Co-Operative Creameries in the Maritime Provinces.

Professor Robertson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Dairying, left for the Maritime Provinces on August 30th, in connection with the establishment of chicken fattening stations, and also to arrange for the establishment of creameries in some parts of Nova Scotia where co-operative dairy work has not yet been introduced or been successful.

Meetings will be held by the commissioner at the following places:— Caledonia Corner, Shelburne and Queen's, N.S., on Saturday, September 9th.

Teachers of the County.

We give below the list of school sections in the County and the names of the teachers engaged for the ensuing term in the different sections. As will be seen by the blanks in the statement several sections are yet unprovided with teachers:

Table with columns: School Section, Teacher. Lists various school sections and their respective teachers across the county.

Acknowledgments.

Table listing names and amounts of acknowledgments, such as Daniel L. Doyle, Weston, Mass., \$1.00; James McIsaac, Chepstow, P. E. I., 1.00.

Personals.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, Rector of the College, returned from his trip to Montreal on Tuesday. Rev. Dr. Alex. McDonald, who has been visiting New York, Albany and other places, is expected home this week...

Seventeen cases of yellow fever, with two deaths, have been reported from Key West, Fla. It is said that the Navy Department at Washington has, in consequence, decided to withdraw the force from the naval station there.

The convent of the Dominican Sisters at Sparkhill, N. Y., was burned between two and three o'clock Monday morning, and two children of the 350 children in it were known to have perished.

Farmer Wanted.

Wanted a Farmer competent to manage and work a farm. Address, FARMER, care of The Casket, Antigonish.

Bicycle Repairing.

I have procured a complete Bicycle Repairing outfit and am prepared to do all kinds of repairing promptly and at reasonable prices.

AUTUMN GOODS.

Autumn Goods are being daily opened up and our assortment in all the different departments will be very complete within the next few weeks.

Clothing Department.

We have just received about Five Hundred Suits of Men's and Boys' Clothing direct from the leading manufacturers in Canada.

Men's Fine Black and Blue Tweed Suits,

Single and Double-Breasted, made of good heavy Canadian Tweed in small check patterns.

Price, \$4.50

Men's Suits,

Made of all-wool tweed, in blue, brown, and dark green mixture, double-breasted, a good serviceable suit for fall and winter.

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Men's Suits,

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General News.

A fierce gale swept the Labrador coast on Aug. 31. Eleven fishing vessels were wrecked.

Three young girls were drowned while bathing in the St. Charles River, Quebec, on last Wednesday.

Three Welsh delegates are on their way to Canada to inquire into the suitability of the Northwest as a home for immigration.

Spain, it is said, contemplates selling her African colonies to Germany, especially the Fernando Po and Corisco Islands.

One of the British officers in India—Major Harvey Welman—has been stricken with bubonic plague at Poona.

A strike of the sailors and firemen on steamers at all the leading English ports is threatened unless an increase in wages is granted.

It is officially stated, says a Montreal despatch, that the Ville Marie Bank will not pay more than 25 cents on the dollar to depositors.

Harper's and McClure's Magazines are to be united under the name of The Harper-McClure Illustrated Review, the price of which will be ten cents a number.

A new Allan steamer, the Bavarian, 520 feet long, with a gross tonnage of 10,200, arrived in Montreal on Saturday on her first voyage.

The Mineral Products Co., of Hillsboro, has sold all the manufactured manganese at the Bridgeville smelting works for \$20,000.

The White Star steamer Oceanic, the largest ship in the world, sailed from Liverpool on her maiden voyage to New York yesterday.

Walter Wellman, the Arctic explorer, has arrived at Hull, England. He is still crippled as a result of the hardships he endured.

A severe lightning storm passed over the State of Maine on Sunday. In the town of Ellsworth the First Congregational church was struck and set on fire.

A special train bearing a Circus Company's outfit was wrecked in Tennessee on Saturday. Twelve persons were injured and the animals and property scattered in all directions.

Lord Kitchener reports to the Foreign Office that the two sons of the Mahdi have been killed by British troops at Shukaba in the Soudan, where an insurrection was in progress.

The Irish members of Parliament are about to hold still another conference looking to a reunion of all sections of the National party in Parliament. It would appear that the prospects of success are now brighter than they have been since the death of Parnell.

It is reported that Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, will succeed Premier Hardy as leader of the Government in that Province. A rumour that a coalition Government would be formed under his leadership is stoutly denied by leading Opposition members.

Obituary.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to chronicle the demise, in his 21st year, of John, eldest son of Thomas and Mary Ann Grumley, at his home, East Indian Road, Hants Co., on Saturday, August 5th, after a long and painful illness of consumption, which he bore with Christian patience and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. He leaves a sorrowing father and mother, four brothers and three sisters to mourn their irreparable loss. By his death is removed a young man of rare, real goodness. After a devout reception of the last Sacraments of his cherished religion, administered by the beloved and zealous pastor, Rev. W. E. Young, his soul went forth well prepared for the reward that is promised by Him that doeth all things well. An unusually large body of mourners saw his remains laid to rest in the cemetery at Enfield, on Monday, Aug. 7th. R. I. P.

At Port Ban, Inv. Co., on the 16th inst., there died one of the most respected citizens of the place, Alexander Rankin. Deceased immigrated to Inverness with his father in the year 1824, being then 8 years of age. He married Isabel Beaton who survives him. Their union was blessed with a large family of ten children—six sons, three of whom are in the State of Massachusetts—and four daughters, two of whom are Mrs. David McIsaac and Mrs. Angus McDonald of Truro. Until a year ago, when attacked by heart failure, Mr. Rankin was never known to have spent a day in ill-health. He has always been an unrelenting toiler. His unassuming manners, his charitable and considerate disposition and his neighbourly and social qualities made him a special favourite with all. He bore his last illness with true Christian resignation, and breathed his last in the strong hope of enjoying the eternal reward promised the truly repentant. A Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. A. L. Macdonald for the repose of his soul. He was in his 83rd year. May his soul rest in peace!

At Beaujeu, on Monday, the 28th ult., there departed this life, in the 28th year of his age, John, son of the late Valentine Chisholm of that place. It is with deep sorrow that we chronicle his death,—a feeling shared by all who knew him, for the deceased was a young man beloved alike by neighbour, friend, relative and acquaintance. He was since some thirteen

years in telegraph and telephone work in the United States, his inherent industry and many praiseworthy characteristics soon gaining for him a good position and the good-will and confidence of his employers. During this time he paid frequent visits to the old homestead and when some twelve months ago he returned home to attend the marriage of his brother few thought that the cheerful, kind-hearted frank and genial John would soon finish this life's journey. He resumed his position in the United States, only to be stricken with illness on which account he returned home some weeks later. He sank rapidly and, as the end drew near, his calm demeanor and devout Christian submission to God's will, the tenderness which he displayed to those around him, the buoyant spirit which did not desert him even in the shadow of death—all bespoke his lovable, pure and virtuous character, and when we think of his oft repeated fervent thanks to God for placing him among those whom he loved, to die, we may realize what a glorious end was his. Upwards of seventy carriages made up the funeral cortege, and the large number who assembled at Marydale cemetery, where his remains were assigned their last resting-place was a high testimonial to the esteem which he enjoyed. He was laid to rest by the side of his father, and the remaining members of the family, a mother, five brothers and five sisters as well as a host of friends, will long cherish the memory of the loved ones who are gone.—R. I. P.

DIED.

CHISHOLM.—At South Side Harbour, Sept. 1st, Mary Margaret, infant daughter of Colin and Margaret Chisholm.

FORBES.—At Beach Hill, August 25, after a short illness, Roderick, son of John Forbes, aged 11 years and 8 months. R. I. P.

RANDALL.—At South Farmington, Annapolis Co., N. S., Sept. 5th, William John

Randall, aged 75 years, formerly of Afton, Annapolis.

CHISHOLM.—At Meadow Green, on the 28th of August, John J., son of Roderick C. and Isabella Chisholm, aged 6 months and 11 days.

BURNS.—At Antigonish, on August 30th, after a very short illness, Joseph Andrew and Mary Annie, aged 11 months and 10 days, infant children of Theodore and Sarah Burns. They were very bright children and will be greatly missed by their parents.

McISAAC.—At Judique, on the 17th of Aug., Hugh McIsaac, son of Archie McIsaac (og) of Broad Cove Banks. Deceased left home on the 13th ult. in usual health, although he had been ailing for some time past. On his way home he fell from his carriage, having been suddenly attacked with paralysis. On his recovering speech, the last rites of the Church were administered to him by Rev. A. Chisholm, P. P., of Judique. He breathed his last giving every evidence of his strong hope of reaching the joys which are eternal. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Broad Cove besides the mortal remains of his wife who died in March '96. He leaves two sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father. He was in his 57th year. Requiescat in pace.

COADY.—At Margaree Forks, August 31st, 1899, of heart disease, in her 69th year, Ann, wife of Martin Coady, senior, and daughter of Archy McLellan, Broad Cove Marsh. Death under ordinary conditions is sad, but when it comes with awful suddenness, as in the present instance, it is peculiarly distressing; but the friends of the deceased may well console themselves with the thought of her kindness, mildness, charity and sanctity of life. Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Moses Coady of Harbour au Bouche, on the morning of Sept. 2nd, after which her remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowful friends. R. I. P.

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The Magdalen Islands.

(Rev. A. Rogers in Eastern Chronicle.)

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The hinge of the dead eye in the stateroom I occupied was broken. Sometime after midnight I was awakened by a giant bellow that came rushing along the side of the boat. Part of its contents came in with a swish. Here was serious business on hand, and I sat up, or rather down.

The islands, which seem to be of volcanic origin, are much more elevated than I expected to find them. Here and there bold headlands, sometimes in couples, confront the ocean like petrified sea-horns.

The richness of the grass, and the fine fields of oats, barley and potatoes, were a pleasant surprise. Vegetables abundantly repay the labour expended on them.

During the past few weeks, quite a colony of Pictonians have been on the islands—at work of course, and by the excellent quality of their handicraft, finding more work.

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can depend that the brush has licked them white. The same spirit of neatness might, with profit, be introduced into many a community in our own county. Other Pictou men I met were Messrs. McKinnon and McDonald, masons, who were engaged in putting a foundation under an old chapel. The work of these men declares that they build for ages to come, the only safe thing for any man to do.

During my brief stay the weather was peculiar, and the surf not too cold for an exhilarating plunge. On Sunday I worshipped in the little English Church, and after service had the pleasure of meeting the rector, Mr. Prout, and his amiable wife at their own table.

Dr. Barry on Catholic Democracy. Dr. Barry's article on the Church and Democracy has aroused a great deal of discussion both here and in Europe. Coming on the heels of several others by him on "Americanism," it is by many regarded as a sort of corollary of that doctrine.

Judging the Tree by its Bark. A country merchant came up from Indiana to a big Chicago wholesale store, with a written list of the things he wanted. He said he was new to the business, but he meant to have a partner who was wise.

the temporalities that Dr. Barry demands a wide scope for lay co-operation. In Europe and Catholic countries the Church has no temporalities for anybody to take care of. Church property is held in mortmain. In this country we find it difficult to induce the laity to take a hand in the management of Church temporalities.

Dr. Barry speaks of the spirit of unrest that is abroad among the Catholic masses. Does religion enter among the disturbing agencies? Not at all. There are only two systems of government possible in this world, and our Lord named them, when He said: "You cannot serve God and Mammon."

Dr. Barry has a great deal to say about jurisprudence and the administration of justice in Latin countries; and comparing these with what obtains in Anglo-Saxon lands, he draws a conclusion very favorable to the latter. The administration of justice in Latin countries is copied from the canon.

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The Influence of Newman.

In the Tractarian movement... Keble was the originator and for a time, perhaps, the leader. But as it began to gather force and impetus the reins fell naturally into Newman's hands.

While, then, the current of the great life of religious thought was stirred as it had not been for years, there was need of some one to move in advance of this current—a man of fearless heart and steadfast purpose, who should accept and follow out, without hesitation and without compromise, all that was forced upon him in that forward movement.

I like best to think of him just at this period of his life, after he had taken the final step and had found the fulness of truth. There is something very beautiful and very pathetic in the sorrowful strength of the figure that stands forth in the light of the comment and criticism of all England.

one who, in his own way, has done the greatest amount of practical good for the church, and who, before his conversion, was the most consistent and earnest Protestant I ever knew speaks always of Newman, though he never saw him, with the tenderness of a son for a father, and as his guiding star through dark ways and spiritual abysses.

The Parting of the Ways.

A man, much perplexed, stood where the road forked. "Which way shall I take?" he said to himself.

There came along a sage. "Tell me, I pray thee," said the man, "on which of these roads does the flower of duty bloom? One moment I am drawn to the right, the next moment to the left. Which path shall I take?"

"Neither," answered the sage. "Wait until to-morrow."

On the morrow the man cried again: "O wise one, I have waited, and I am still in doubt! I must find the flower of duty."

"It is at thy feet," said the sage; and the man looked at the ground, and lo! it was blooming there; and he knew that there was no reason why he should take any road, either right or left.

We might often save ourselves much unnecessary pain if we realized that the wisest way is to do nothing. We get tangled in the mesh of strenuous and disquieting circumstances. We can not see our duty. We harrow our souls with questions: "Shall I take this road or that? If I take this, I may be sorry; if I take that, I may see when too late that I should have chosen the other. In either case I shall be blamed; in either case the results threaten to overwhelm. I wish to do my duty, but I know not where it lies. There must be a right way, but I know it not. Oh, for some one to guide me at this parting of the ways!"

In such a case, suppose we follow the sage's advice and stay where we are? It is more than likely that if we wait events will shape our decision; or it may be that, like the perplexed man in the story, we shall find the little flower of duty, very dusty and neglected, growing at our very feet.

Over-scrupulousness will make people restless. A fierce zeal to be astrid possesses them. They forget that one who stands and waits also serves. Nature is never in a hurry. The century plant waits a hundred years before it buds and blooms. Coal requires ages in which to become perfect fuel. Surely man may wait a little day when questions vex; and then, that day passed, they may vex no longer.

We are too quick with our evidence, too ready with our opinions, too anxious to prate of our difficulties; in such haste for sympathy that we wear our hearts upon our sleeves for the chattering daws to attack. We allow impulses to make of us slaves, of whose rash faults there is no undoing. Second thoughts are better than first thoughts, in many cases; and twentieth thoughts are better yet.

Withhold the decision. Forbear to blame. Wait! You have been using but one kind of spectacles. Another day may furnish you with a different point of view. "Wait for the lame messenger if you would know the truth." The runner who has had no time to think upon the way will carry you a garbled message. Perhaps it is something like this: that the Arabs mean when they maintain that hurry is of the devil. You have all eternity before you. Pause, then, at the parting of the ways and possess your soul in patience. Before you search on the far and purple mountain, or rush blindly forward into the dust of the highway, look in your own despised doorway for the little flower of duty and of peace.

It may be that when the roads fork there is no great matter of principle involved; that there is only the choosing between one tiresome alternative and another. "Shall I visit this stranger?" you say. "Shall I go to the seaside or the mountains?"

Even in matters trivial, remember that "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." The stranger may be one whom it would injure you to know; the seaside may be bad for your lungs and the mountains for your heart. There are times when procrastination is not "the thief of time," as the old copy-books had it, but a wise and beneficent restraint.

"Mañana!" cry the Spaniards, and we rebuke what we call their indecision; but the word Mañana is fit to be a motto or a watchword when it teaches us to consider well at the parting of the ways. There will be many to-morrows in which to regret if we refuse to ponder in our one little to-day.—Louisa May Dalton, in Ave Maria.

A Parental Duty.

Young people should be guarded against the danger to heart and soul that lurks in bad reading. Parents and guardians owe a duty to those under their care in this respect. Young people who are studiously inclined, and for whom reading has more claims than out-door sports or other amusements, are particularly liable to fall a prey to the evil that is to be found in bad books and papers. For this reason those who have to deal with young folks should keep as strict a watch as possible upon the kind of reading that, in the home, is likely to fall into the hands of their charges.

To unthanking parents there is a feeling

of security in knowing that Johnnie or Jennie is "somewhere in the house reading." They think their boy or girl is safe, because he or she is not out in the streets with possibly bad companions. This is sometimes a great mistake. Books are the closest of companions. They can be the best, most refining and elevating of friends and teachers, or the most pernicious foes to the purity and peace of mind of those that read them. They can be the making or marring of a character. Their influence is often greater far than the influence of flesh and blood companions. The average parent would inquire closely as to the sort of boys or girls with whom his own young hopefuls were spending their leisure time, but no question is ever asked as to the character of the reading that finds its way into the home.

The more inclination a child shows for reading, the more careful should the elder folks be in providing only the best and most wholesome books and papers. The more precocious and imaginative a child shows himself to be the more care should be taken to keep his mind and soul pure. Many lives, that might otherwise have been noble ones, have been ruined because in youth the mind was stained and sullied with evil thoughts and images.

Evil literature enters the home in many ways. It may be nowadays asserted that the daily newspaper contains this class of reading in its most insidious form. We have grown so accustomed to the vile stuff that passes for news that the reading of it has ceased to horrify us. There are, of course, some journals which are clean, but in ninety-nine out of every hundred newspaper offices in the land, "news" means detailed accounts of criminal events—the darker the crime the better the news. Yet, knowing this, do we keep these papers out of the hands of our children? Do we exclude such sensational and immoral sheets from our homes?

The responsibility of parents is very great in this matter. If they can not stop the entrance of bad reading into their homes, they should at least provide sound and healthy books and papers for their children, to offset and correct the evil effects of sensationalism and immorality. Subjects that would not be spoken of by father and mother before their children appear in black and white in some of the daily papers, and matter that might be only slightly harmful even to mature minds becomes a positive poison to the active and untrained imaginations of the young.

Catholic fathers and mothers have a duty in this respect which they should consider well and thoroughly. Let them give their children plenty of good reading, so that our youth may grow up with minds and souls pure and unstained by the evil that is to be found in bad books and papers.—Sacred Heart Review.

Heroes as Husbands.

In Kansas, where the schoolhouses are bigger than the barns, and where the flag floats in every breeze and refuses to wilt in a calm, some of the girls' clubs have solemnly resolved that their members shall marry only soldiers. In their patriotism nothing less than a hero will do. It will be Hymen in regimentals, Cupid with a Krag-Jorgenson, rat-a-tat-tat for wedding bells, laurels for orange blossoms, and the Star-Spangled Banner for Meadelesohn's time-worn march.

In no State could the girls afford it better than in Kansas—Kansas, the home of Funston and his fellow-swimmers, who lead the Army on land and outdo the Navy on the water, for Kansas will soon be full of heroes. But will there be enough to go around? One hero in a community is a majority, it is true, but all the girls cannot marry him, and when one captures his name all the others are apt to find out that he is not one-half as noble and as handsome as he was in his single days. Then, too, this sort of thing is calculated to make a hero vain, and it is a blow to the national pride to have a hero anything but humble. Of course, matrimony may eventually produce the humility, but matrimonial processes are gradual and untrammeled, while heroism needs sensations and the limelight.

There have been cases where heroes have not made good husbands, and literature has a way of showing that heroism and genius are pretty uncomfortable things to be tied to; but of course, our heroes are good heroes, and it would be an undue reflection upon them to say that they would not get along with commendable docility in harness. Naturally, exceptions may occur, and the past might rise on occasion. For instance, it would be easy to fancy the young man whose exploits in oculation were heard around the world, sitting pensively at the fireside about four weeks after his wedding day and listening with no great delight to something like this: "I am very happy, but I wish, oh, how I wish you had not kissed those other girls! Why oh, why did you do it?"—Hamilton Paxton, in Saturday Evening Post.

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