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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., AUGUST 28, 1884.

A Nice Business. Mr. Robert Orr, of Fredericton, visited the S. W. Miramichi last week for the purpose of removing salmon pike left in position by fishermen and placed therein by the numerous cases engaged in fishing illegally. It is a commentary on the Miramichi officers' mode of "not doing it" that a man has to be sent from the St. John river to perform their neglected duties. And, yet, each one of them is, no doubt, prepared to abuse and give the lie to those who expose them in systematically shutting their eyes to the illegal work going on around them. We have, in the past, advised that men be specially sent to protect our river, from the month of August until after spawning time and that the services of local officers, who take the Department's pay for doing nothing, be dispensed with. The Department, however, has not the courage to dismiss the do-nothings, but it so manages the special service we recommended as to afford them a premium on their indifference. The visit of the officer from the St. John river, for instance, is made an occasion for extra allowance to the local officers, whose neglect of their duty and whose coming here has necessitated his coming here. They actually, went with him as guides to point out the illegal contrivance, a which they, themselves, had neither the honesty nor industry to remove, their time to be paid for in the form of travelling expenses or, perhaps, as disbursements by Mr. Orr. With the Dominion retaining such officers in its service and the local government's effort to protect our river by placing their guardianship in the hands of two gentlemen—one a resident of St. John City and the other of the City of Fredericton, it is no wonder that so many salmon and grise are being destroyed daily.

While on this subject we may properly refer to the letter of Mr. Thomas Parker, Fishery Overseer, which appeared in our issue of 14th inst. That gentleman was almost insolent in his endeavors to create the impression that his duties had been so faithfully discharged that our references to the notorious poaching on the Southwest could not apply to his district. Enquiries made since have resulted in our learning that the sweeping of salmon and grise from the Dugarvon pools was carried on quite as openly this season as last. If he wishes to deny it and will do so publicly we will give him the names of gentlemen who saw such evidences of the poaching as would convince anyone save, perhaps, a fishery officer, that the law was being broken. In order that Mr. Parker may not have any cause to complain that our charge is too general, we direct his attention to the fact that the Dugarvon has been thoroughly netted this season—and it is in that wonderfully well-protected district of his. We may also inform him that illegal netting during last freshet was carried on within the limits of the Southwest Boom, in the channel, which is also in his district. We may suggest to him, also, that it is not a difficult matter to seize a few nets, at any time, but so long as the men who fish them are allowed to go unpunished, there will al-

ways be a suspicion that the officers are afraid to do their whole duty.

The Lobster Fishery.

The extension of the lobster fishing season recently made by the Department of Marine and Fisheries has largely failed in the object for which it was sought, owing to the notice that the extension was granted not having reached many interested until after the regular season had expired and their traps were taken up. The result is that operators in many districts have received no benefit whatever from the concession. The petitions for the extension were allowed to lie over for a good while before they were acted on, and favorites of the Department were, meantime, notified privately that they might continue to fish. Others, however, who desired to comply with the law and keep themselves out of their traps, believing the petition was rejected. In many districts it was two days after the season had expired before even the officers were informed of the extension. This is, however, the "good old way" with the Fisheries Department.

Grand Sire. Citizens will tender a carriage ride to points of interest, followed by a banquet. Tuesday afternoon there will be a special train from Minneapolis to St. Paul, a carriage ride in St. Paul and a banquet. The lodges of Stillwater will tender an excursion to the Dalles of St. Croix on Wednesday, for the ladies of the party; and other trips will be made to Lakes White Bear, Calhoun, &c.—St. John Globe.

Diocesan Circular.

His Lordship the Bishop of Chatham has issued the following Circular to the clergy of his Diocese.— CHATHAM, N. B., Aug. 22nd, 1884. REV. AND DEAR SIR:— Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII, now happily governing the Church, directs that a Triduum, or three days' special prayers and devotions, be celebrated this year, on occasion of the Feast of the Nativity of the B. V. Mary; and our revered Metropolitan, the Most Rev. Archbishop of Halifax, has addressed to his flock a Pastoral Letter on this subject, which we send you a copy herewith. We also adopt for our Diocese the same programme ordained in the Archbishop's said Pastoral for his Archdiocese, contained in the following extract:—"In order to carry out the instructions of the Holy Father, we ordain that in each Church in this Diocese, where a Priest is residing, a solemn Triduum in honor of the Blessed Virgin, shall be celebrated on the 6th, 7th and 8th of September this year.—The devotions to consist of the recitation of five decades of the Rosary, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, the O Salutaris, and the Litany of Loretto, with Versicle and prayer to be sung, followed by the Tantum Ergo and Benediction. An indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines is granted by the Holy See for each time one is present at the devotions. Those who attend on the three days can gain a Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the souls in Purgatory, by confessing and receiving Holy Communion within the Triduum and praying according to the intention of the Holy Father."

Being God to bless you and your ministry and all your flock! I remain, Rev. and Dear Sir, faithfully yours in J. C. + JAMES ROGERS, Bishop of Chatham.

That Phantom Ship.

The sketch by the editor of the ADVANCE entitled "The Phantom Ship of Heron Island" and which appeared in our Baie de Chaleur notes in June last, was largely appropriated without credit by a St. John Sun correspondent recently. The Telegraph exposed the piracy and gave our sketch in full with the following comment:—"The Sun's correspondent would, we are sure, have done much better than he did had he embodied the above in his letter and given credit for it to the writer, whose authorship of the 'Utopia Serpent,' 'Mispick Treasure-Trove,' and other speculative sketches, render his writings too well known to be either appropriated without detection, or altered without detracting from their fish."

At the time the sketch appeared in the ADVANCE it seemed to attract the attention of the Sun, but that paper, with its usual evasive misanthropy, endeavored to convey the impression that someone else had, at some time or other, produced the sketch. That kind of detraction, however, is the natural outgrowth of the mind that "regulates" Mr. Fielding in connection with the Halifax election, and reproduced, as original, the fact of a distinguished member of a fraternal organization for full fellowship with the down-trodden African.

WAR.—France has declared war against China. ABSURD.—The Sun has an absurd despatch from Ottawa to the effect that Hon. Alex. Mackenzie is to become a member of Sir John A. Macdonald's Cabinet, as Minister of Railways.

THE HALIFAX ELECTION gave a greater victory to the Local Government candidate than at first announced. Mr. Fielding's majority being about 200. The Conservatives injudiciously introduced Dominion politics into the contest.

ANNEXATION.—The Conservative St. Croix Courier is out in favor of annexation. It says:—"The latest scheme talked of is the annexation of Jamaica to Canada. Let us have the United States and Mexico first—then Jamaica and the West Indies."

IN THE WEST.—Subscribers in the United States and the Western section of the Dominion will please take notice that no papers will be mailed to them from this office after the present issue unless their subscriptions are prepaid. The address slips indicate the date to which the paper is paid for, so those who do not receive the ADVANCE after that date will know the reason.

TARDY JUSTICE.—We are gradually regaining some of the privileges of which the Fisheries Inspector at St. John caused our fishermen to be deprived a few years ago. A recent order of the Department allows Bass fishing with nets, from the 15th September instead, of from 1st October, as heretofore. The nets must, of course, be duly licensed by the Overseers of the districts where fish are taken.

THE LATE DR. DOW.—Dr. Dow, of Fredericton, died on Wednesday morning of last week. He was born at Lindenvale, Vermont, U. S., on Christmas, 1825, and was therefore in his fifty-ninth year. He came to Fredericton about 1848 and practised his profession with marked success for 30 years. In 1862 he was elected to the Legislative Assembly for York, leading the poll, and sat without interruption till 1870 when he was defeated. He was again re-elected in 1874 and defeated in 1878. He was a kindly man, with a good word for everybody, and an honest man in politics.

Odd Fellowship. The Sovereign Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., M. will meet this year at Minneapolis, Minn., on the 15th September. The Maritime Provinces will be represented by Mr. Andrew Cushing, of St. John, and Mr. Benj. Brenner, of Charlottetown. Extensive preparations are being made in the West for the entertainment of the delegates. A reception will be tendered the members of Sovereign Grand Lodge and their ladies at Chicago. Leaving the depot of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, on Thursday, 11th, at nine o'clock by special train, the delegates will reach Tomah, Wis., early Friday morning, where dining cars will be attached for the benefit of the early travellers. The party can await arrival at La Crosse for breakfast. At La Crosse the party will be met by the Reception Committee of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. The train will reach Winona at nine o'clock, where two hours will be devoted to a drive around the city. On Saturday, September 13, there will be an excursion and lunch, with speeches at Lake Minnetonka. On Sunday, at Minneapolis, Episcopal Church, Rev. Dr. J. W. Venable, Grand Chaplain of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, officiating. On Monday, September 15, the Sovereign Grand Lodge will be escorted to the Grand Opera House, where addresses of welcome will be delivered by the governor of Minnesota, the Mayor of Minneapolis, and the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of that jurisdiction; followed by responses by the

and amongst a faithless people were faithful to God's law. If they, strengthened by the graces received through the sacraments, could do this, why cannot we, aided by these same sacraments, do likewise?

In the midst, then, of the faithlessness, pride and corruption of the world what an incentive to virtue is a serious consideration of the life of God's most grace-endowed creature. Perfect humility in the most exalted station: absolute chastity in the midst of a carnal-minded people, entire self-denial in every stage of her life,—such is the beautiful and consoling picture presented for our imitation by the life of the Blessed Virgin. And how completely is not that life opposed to the life of the "animal man." Little wonder that he is impatient of her praises, or that he even blasphemes her holy name. Every word spoken in her praise is a condemnation of himself: every exaltation of her incomparable virtue shows more fully the loathsomeness of his base deeds. He lives "according to the flesh," and, consequently, "is mortified by the spirit," "the deeds of the flesh," and, therefore, "shall live."

While, then, it is only natural that the "animal man" should hate the name of the Blessed Virgin, so it is equally natural that Holy Church should love her, and should propose her life as a model for those who wish to walk as children of light. Hence the Pope has ordered a Solemn Triduum to be celebrated in each Diocese on the sixth, seventh and eighth of the coming September, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For centuries the eighth of September has been kept in the Church as the day of the Nativity of our Lady. This celebration goes back to the early ages of Christianity; it was always a day of joy for the Faithful. St. Peter Damian gives us the reason: "Let us rejoice," he says, "on this day, dearly beloved, on which, whilst venerating the birth of the Most Blessed Virgin, we also celebrate the beginning of all the Festivals of the New Testament." Yes; as she was mother of the God-made man through whom all christian celebrations have their birth is truly the beginning of them all, for without her they would never have been. And before him, Peter Sicily had said: "To-day clear signs of our reconciliation with God are seen; to-day our humanity, formerly cast away, rejoices beholding the beginning of its restoration."—(In Concep. Deip. Or.)

Isidore of Thessaly, after relating the creation of light, as recorded by Moses, adds: "But I say that after the birth of man, and for a long series of years, another kind of darkness was spread over the whole earth until the joyous birth of our most pure and Blessed Virgin shed light over all the world!"—(Orat. in Nativ. B. V.)

Thus, through the ages the nativity of our sweet Mother was celebrated with joy by her loving children; they offered her their homage, and they asked her prayers. This is what we are now called upon to do. But as the teaching of our religion regarding devotion to the Blessed Virgin is so often, and it would seem, at times, willfully misrepresented, a few words on this subject may not be amiss. We believe that to God only is supreme honour due; only He can give grace, sanctify souls, and bestow on the deserving everlasting happiness. There is only one Redeemer, Jesus Christ; there is no other name under heaven through which salvation can be obtained. This is what Catholics believe, what they are taught in their Catechism, what they hear from the pulpit, what they profess publicly and privately, but whilst they hold fast to this, they know that it is lawful to honour God's holy ones, and especially our Blessed Lady; they know that it is lawful to ask her prayers as to those who are our friends on earth; and they know of a surety that God will listen to her more readily than to those who are less perfect.

That we should honour our Blessed Lady and sing her praises, God himself taught us in the first Chapter of St. Luke we are told how God sent His Angel to the Virgin Mary. The angel was sent on the most important of Missions; the Son of God was about to assume human flesh, and the angel was to make this known to His future mother. The words spoken by the Angel were the words of God, the respect shown by the Angel was the outcome of God-given knowledge. What were these words? Will it be believed that they were the same which we are blamed for repeating! But there they stand recorded for ever in Holy Writ: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee: Blessed art thou among women." What more do we want? God teaches us through His Angel, the measure of respect and praise which is to be accorded to our Lady. Her is "full of grace"—that is, without any room for shade or thought of sin; the Lord is with her,—therefore most dear to Him, most beloved by Him, most powerful to obtain favors from Him. She is "blessed among women,"—therefore the noblest type of womanly perfection, the greatest embodiment of human virtue. This is what God teaches regarding our Blessed Lady; our devotion to her requires no other justification.

But not only are we taught to honor her, we are, also, taught that through her God is pleased to work His greatest wonders. Through her all good has come to mankind, for through her has come the Redeemer, the incarnate God. To give us confidence in her intercession for the obtaining of special graces, Holy Scripture records that the first spiritual favor conferred by the incarnate Lord, viz, the sanctification of the Baptists, was conferred through the instrumentality of the Blessed Virgin. The words of the Gospel are unmistakable: Elizabeth "filled with the Holy Ghost" asserts that "as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." Treating of this event the great St. John Chrysostom wrote fourteen centuries ago: "For although Christ reposing in the womb of his mother could have sanctified John as his precursor he could not have done it in a manner apparent to all. Therefore he caused Mary to salute Elizabeth so that the word, proceeding from the bosom of the mother, where the Lord was, might be heard by Elizabeth, and the words of the Gospel, 'and she said: how shall it be known what is spoken?' (Cor. XIV.—9.) They are warned to be exact, 'for if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?' The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ continued to our own day; her methods are His methods; her voice is His voice—"who hears you hears me." Just as through Him "men were made alive," so through her men are to be sanctified. She may be despised and persecuted even as He was, but still she triumphs by the conversion of souls, and through by divine charity in the end.

What then is the special remedy for the pride, and lust, and drunkenness, which are the fountain sources of nearly all the sins of our time? Are we to look upon these as inseparable from our nature, and almost, if not entirely, incurable? Our Church, the trumpet of Christ, "gives no uncertain sound"; hence those who prepare not to battle are incurable. We are first admonished of the prevalence of these evils, so that we may realize our danger, and realizing it apply the prevention or cure. But we are taught: "Let not the word of God be despised, and he who is tempted, let him say: 'God is not a tempter of evil; and a tempteth no man.' Then there is placed before us the glorious example of God's holy ones,—mortalia like ourselves,—who lived undivided in the midst of an unclean world,

power would not have been used so soon, were it not for the request of our dear Mother. And still men, whose knowledge is just sufficient to enable them to blaspheme, would have us believe that her intercession is of no avail, and that God never exercises His omnipotence, in modifying the forces of nature, at the prayer of the just man. God abrogates no law when working a miracle; he who is the author of natural forces and as a consequence of natural laws, has not abdicated his mastery over them; they exist because he has willed it; they act in this, or that manner because he gave them that initial direction. As the skilled engineer, by a slight movement of his finger, can, without changing or destroying the laws of action in a complicated machine, produce various and, apparently, contradictory effects, can make the huge hammer or threatening saw arrest its destructive course, and turn back when within an inch of a human head; so God, the architect and engineer of the universe, without destroying his own laws, can guide and govern their action, can stay the march of disease, arrest the storm cloud, or send to the parched earth refreshing showers. A little movement of his finger, and the effects produced by Him—would silence the outcry, born of ignorance and materialism, against the possibility of miracles.

Since, then, dearly beloved, the Blessed Virgin is the highest and holiest type of womanhood, the glory of the human race, a model for all who do not wish to live "according to the flesh," let us should die, but who wish to mortify by the spirit the "deeds of the flesh," so that they may live, do ye all celebrate with loving hearts the feast of her nativity. Reflect on her beautiful life, so pure, so unselfish, so humble, so filled with love for God and her neighbor. The world may laugh at you, it may go on in its brutal animal way, steeped in pride and lust; but what of that? The world hated and persecuted Christ; it hated and persecuted His Apostles and holy ones; if it hates and persecutes you, it is a sign that you strive to imitate them. Whilst humbly doing your duty towards God and man, defend manfully your own rights.

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL.

CORNELIUS, BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE, ARCHBISHOP OF HALIFAX.

To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Halifax, health and benediction in the Lord.

DEARLY BELOVED:— Man, the work of God's right hand, being composed of a body that is visible, and an invisible soul, belongs partly to the Material and partly to the Spiritual Order. He has, moreover, been raised by the will of his Maker to a supernatural state, having been endowed with an almost unlimited capacity for happiness, and fitted for the attainment of everlasting bliss. By reason of his material part man tends to earthly and sensual things; but on account of his spiritual soul he can never be satisfied with the pleasures of the senses. It is a sad truth that many lead the lives of brutes, degrading their nature by living "according to the flesh," glorying, sometimes, in their shame, or seeking to excuse their conduct by asserting that all are equally vicious. These "animal men," like those of whom St. Peter spoke, "who have walked in riotousness, lust, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings and unlawful worshiping of idols" (1 Pet. IV.—3) are not, and cannot be satisfied with these things; yet, do they, as the same apostle speaks, "think it strange that you run not with them into the same concourse of riotousness, speaking evil of you." They cannot destroy the spiritual nature of the soul, but they succeed in degrading it. In the war that is waged between the body and the spirit they weakly yield the victory to the flesh: they forget the warning words of the apostle—"For if you live according to the flesh, you shall die; but if by the spirit you mortify the deeds of the flesh, you shall live."—(Rom. VIII.—13). How few, alas! heed those words; how many look upon them as mere empty sounds.

"The animal man," living, "according to the flesh," abounds on every side. Hence it is that the worst of a profession for vice; the scoffer of Holy Scripture is called "learned"; the drivelling sceptic is an "advanced thinker"; the miserable sophistries, the senseless jargon of materialists are looked upon as deep philosophy; immoral publications find a ready sale; social honours are showered upon the successful swindler, and only the believers in God's Providence are held up to ridicule.

This is an overdrawn picture; it is no diseased imagination; it is a sad and sober truth. Let any man calmly look at the world, its modes of speech, and its beguiling, and he will see how little they are in accord with the Gospel of Christ, but how like to the state of the Gentiles, described by St. Peter, "who have walked in riotousness, lust, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings and unlawful worshiping of idols."

But our Holy Church, Dearly Beloved, is not content with pointing out and deploring the evils that afflict society. Like a skillful physician she probes the wound, and applies the remedy. Her mission is a mission of labor, not of empty talk and unprofitable theorizing. Her ministers are not to ascend the pulpit to beat the air with high-flown phrase and sensational declamation; they are to utter by the tongue plain speech, "otherwise 'how shall it be known what is spoken?' (Cor. XIV.—9.) They are warned to be exact, 'for if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?' The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ continued to our own day; her methods are His methods; her voice is His voice—"who hears you hears me." Just as through Him "men were made alive," so through her men are to be sanctified. She may be despised and persecuted even as He was, but still she triumphs by the conversion of souls, and through by divine charity in the end.

What then is the special remedy for the pride, and lust, and drunkenness, which are the fountain sources of nearly all the sins of our time? Are we to look upon these as inseparable from our nature, and almost, if not entirely, incurable? Our Church, the trumpet of Christ, "gives no uncertain sound"; hence those who prepare not to battle are incurable. We are first admonished of the prevalence of these evils, so that we may realize our danger, and realizing it apply the prevention or cure. But we are taught: "Let not the word of God be despised, and he who is tempted, let him say: 'God is not a tempter of evil; and a tempteth no man.' Then there is placed before us the glorious example of God's holy ones,—mortalia like ourselves,—who lived undivided in the midst of an unclean world,

power would not have been used so soon, were it not for the request of our dear Mother. And still men, whose knowledge is just sufficient to enable them to blaspheme, would have us believe that her intercession is of no avail, and that God never exercises His omnipotence, in modifying the forces of nature, at the prayer of the just man. God abrogates no law when working a miracle; he who is the author of natural forces and as a consequence of natural laws, has not abdicated his mastery over them; they exist because he has willed it; they act in this, or that manner because he gave them that initial direction. As the skilled engineer, by a slight movement of his finger, can, without changing or destroying the laws of action in a complicated machine, produce various and, apparently, contradictory effects, can make the huge hammer or threatening saw arrest its destructive course, and turn back when within an inch of a human head; so God, the architect and engineer of the universe, without destroying his own laws, can guide and govern their action, can stay the march of disease, arrest the storm cloud, or send to the parched earth refreshing showers. A little movement of his finger, and the effects produced by Him—would silence the outcry, born of ignorance and materialism, against the possibility of miracles.

Since, then, dearly beloved, the Blessed Virgin is the highest and holiest type of womanhood, the glory of the human race, a model for all who do not wish to live "according to the flesh," let us should die, but who wish to mortify by the spirit the "deeds of the flesh," so that they may live, do ye all celebrate with loving hearts the feast of her nativity. Reflect on her beautiful life, so pure, so unselfish, so humble, so filled with love for God and her neighbor. The world may laugh at you, it may go on in its brutal animal way, steeped in pride and lust; but what of that? The world hated and persecuted Christ; it hated and persecuted His Apostles and holy ones; if it hates and persecutes you, it is a sign that you strive to imitate them. Whilst humbly doing your duty towards God and man, defend manfully your own rights.

In order to carry out the instructions of the Holy Father, we ordain that in each Church of this diocese, where a priest is residing, a solemn triduum, in honor of the blessed Virgin, shall be celebrated on the sixth, seventh and eighth of September of this year. The devotions to consist of the recitation of five decades of the Rosary, after which the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, the O Salutaris, and Litany of Loretto, with versicle and prayer to be sung, followed by the Tantum Ergo and Benediction. An indulgence of seven years and seven quarantines is granted by the Holy See for each time one is present at the devotions. Those who attend on the three days can gain a Plenary Indulgence, applicable to the souls in Purgatory, by confessing and receiving Holy Communion within the Triduum and praying according to the intention of the Holy Father."

Being God to bless you and your ministry and all your flock! I remain, Rev. and Dear Sir, faithfully yours in J. C. + JAMES ROGERS, Bishop of Chatham.

THE FRUITS OF FOLLY.

Eating green apples, cucumbers and unripe fruits generally, may be so termed. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cures all Summer Complaints.

Joseph Jeffrey, a fisherman of little Ance, near Arichat, Cape Breton, eloped a few days ago with his brother's wife—a bride of six months.

A Remarkable Record.

The most remarkable cure of Scrofula on record is that of the Rev. Wm. Stout, of Warton, whose case of Scrofulous Abscess baffled the skill of seventeen Surgeons for twenty-three years. He was perfectly cured by Burdock Blood Bitters.

Troubles in Zululand loom up again through the action of the Boers in cajoling Cetwazy's son, Dinizula, and getting his sanction to a proclamation of a Dutch Republic. The situation is really more threatening than ever since the Transvaal war.

Ireland is reaping a considerable harvest from tourists who have been frightened away from the Continent by the cholera scare. The crops in Ireland are said to be superb and more nobleman and other rich landlords are spending the autumn on their Irish estates than during many years past. This materially improves business of all kinds.

Administrator's Notice.

All persons having any legal claims against the Estate of James Russell, late of Lower Newcastle in the County of Northumberland, deceased, are to present the same duly attested within one month from date to L. J. Tweedie, Esq., of Chatham, whose name and address is debited to the said estate are required to make immediate payment to L. J. Tweedie, Administrator. JAMES RUSSELL, Administrator. Chatham, 11th August, 1884.

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