

THE correspondence of the catholic priest to which we referred last week will be found in another column.

Without commenting on the rare courtesy and Christian meekness exhibited by Mr. Wirzfeld, we invite the special attention of our readers to the claims of the catholic priest-hood, as set forth in the correspondence.

The sentence "These poor idiots cannot understand that a catholic priest in the exercise of his parochial duties is subject to no human law, is under the control of no earthly authority whatever," is very suggestive. It claims for the catholic priest such authority and control over his parish, and such superiority to the civil law in the exercise of the same, as is utterly repugnant to the principles of our government.

According to Mr. Wirzfeld, all who are not Catholics are infidels; and to allow a catholic girl to become a Protestant is "to make an infidel of her." It does not appear that Mr. McCauley has restrained the child's liberty to attend the Catholic Church, or that he has even tried to persuade her not to go.

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Such are the monstrous claims of a foreign ecclesiastical power which is seeking to gain the ascendancy in this country. We thank Mr. Wirzfeld for letting us know the truth; and wish that all his coreligionists would be equally honest and outspoken.

Since the above was written Mr. McCauley has shown us the original letter which he received from the Catholic priest. From this we supply the portions enclosed in brackets, which did not appear in the Gazette.

It was necessary to state, in his name, that he has acted, and will continue to act, precisely according to his agreement; that he did not agree to "send" the girl to the Catholic Church, but only to allow her to go if she chose; that she was going to the required instruction to please her mother, though she did not think they could "make a catholic of her"; but when the priest insisted that she should leave McCauley's till after Easter, then she did not wish to go, and he did not choose "send her" against her will.

A numerously-signed petition has been presented to Congress asking for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the improvement of the Alleghany river in this State. This river forms the natural outlet to market for a large section of country in the western part of the State, and we know of no reason why Congress should not grant the request.

In the Senate of Ohio are six farmers and in the House of Representatives thirty-eight—these outnumbering the lawyers among the members.

[From the St. Mary's Gazette of April 24.]

ST. BONIFACE CHURCH, Centreville, Pa. March 21, 70.

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Kersey, Pa. March 8, 1870. Mr. Wirzfeld, Sir:—I have been hearing reports about the girl in my employ; that you have been going to her mother and telling her, that she must take her from me and send her to your school.

As far as church is concerned, she is at liberty to go or stay. This is a free country, and when say to any person, that you must do so and so, you are going beyond your mark. From this on I wish to hear nothing more, if you want to talk to me, you are at liberty at any time; if you want to say anything to the girl, come to my place to do it, but if not, you will do me the honor of not bothering her mother, she is poor and has all she wants, but she does not wish you to interfere with her concerning this girl, as I claim to do all the talk concerning her.

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You say again to me, "and I would like the same of you." [Impudent Sir.] How dare you address such insolent language to me? I would be ashamed both before God and man, if it could be said about me, what is true of you in the point of religion.

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Car Time at Ridgway.

Elk Lodge, A. Y. M. Stated meetings of Elk Lodge will be held at their hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

J. K. WHITMORE, Sec'y.

I. O. G. T. The Regular meetings of Ridgway Lodge, No. 256, held every Wednesday evening at their Lodge Room.

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AGENTS FOR THE ADVOCATE.

The following named persons are authorized agents for the Advocate—to receive subscriptions, advertising or Job work, take pay therefor and give receipts.

Teachers Institute.—The Elk County Teachers Institute will be held at Centreville, commencing April 25th and continuing in session five days.

ATTENTION BASE BALLISTS!—A meeting for the purpose of organizing a base ball club will be held in Messenger's Hall, on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

ACCIDENT.—J. A. Harm while running a raft on the river, a few days ago, was struck by an oar and badly injured.

TROUT.—Dr. C. H. Fuller caught eight trout out of the Clarion last Saturday, all fine large ones, weighing from five ounces to a pound each.

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Notice is hereby given that agreeable to an Act of Assembly, passed 13th March, 1815, entitled "An act to amend an act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes," &c., the following tracts in Elk county will be sold for arrears, at the Court House, in Ridgway, on the second Monday of June next.

SALE LIST OF BENEZET TOWNSHIP FOR UNPAID TAXES OF 1868 AND 1869.

Table with columns: Hl. Acres, Warrantee, Owners, Am't tax. Lists various land parcels and their owners, including names like Geo Mead, Jas Stokes, and others.