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Notes of Irish News.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

PAPAL DELEGATE.—His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. has conferred the dignity of Papal Legate in Ireland on the Primate, His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Armagh. The announcement has been received with joyful appreciation by all classes of Irish Catholics who justly revere and venerate Cardinal Logue, as one of the most distinguished and it may be added one of the most patriotic representatives who have ever filled the See of St. Patrick. The appointment of the Legate to the Holy See has been made by the Supreme Pontiff in view of the National Synod of the Bishops of the country who will assemble next year. Assemblies of a similar nature have been held on many previous occasions and have always been regarded as events not only of spiritual but of historic importance. The approaching synod, which will appropriately mark the close of one and the opening of another century, will, no doubt, be fraught with a significance and an interest eventful as any that has preceded it, and is surely destined to leave the impress of its deliberations on the future history of the Irish Church.

THE ORANGEMEN AGAIN.— August 12 is the anniversary of the closing of the gates of Derry, more than two hundred years ago in the face of a poltroon of a king, and still the silly display of celebrating the occasion is kept up, remarks the Irish Weekly of Belfast. Many years ago the English people soberly determined to cease celebrating Waterloo. The Germans studiously avoid giving offence to their French neighbors by recalling the surrender of Metz. Here in Ulster a wretched feud is perpetrated from year to year by displays which serve no useful purpose save to fan into periodic flame the embers of bitterness. On Saturday there was an Orange procession through Derry, which has for seven years been represented by a Nationalist member of Parliament. Disturbances ensued. The constabulary made baton charges, and many people were injured. On Sunday, to cap the climax and to put Derry on a plane with Belfast, the military were called out. The excursion parties to Derry were very large. Our correspondent writes that considerable drunkenness prevailed among their numbers, and that the city was practically in possession of the mob. On Sunday a '98 Club known as the James Hope had an excursion from Belfast to Derry and the accompanying bands were attacked by organized gangs. The two crowds came into collision and police charges were the order of the day. The trains carrying the excursionists away from Derry were stoned and the carriage windows broken. A feeling of exasperation at the outrageous conduct of the Orange roughs passed over the Catholic population, and the authorities apprehending an outbreak of worse hostilities, ordered out the military. It seems inexplicable that while Orange crowds can go to Nationalist localities on a holiday a Nationalist crowd cannot resort to an Orange district without their visit being followed by outbreaks of riot. The whole affair in Derry is most deplorable, and reveals in a startling way how very near the relations of the two populations are to relations of civil war.

SAMPLES OF BIGOTRY.— It is hard to imagine that nowadays, and that in institutions supported by all classes and creeds, that the spirit of religious intolerance could manifest itself. Yet an incident which recently occurred in Dublin in a charitable institution in that city reveals the existence of a species of religious bigotry which one would more readily associate with a less tolerant age than the present is popularly supposed to be. A few days ago, a medical gentleman, Dr. O'Sullivan, of Gardiner's Place, was summoned to the Female Penitentiary, North Circular Road, to see an inmate who was very ill. Seeing that her condition was serious, and learning that she was a Catholic, he advised that she should have a priest see her at once. He was informed, however, by one of the lady officials that no Catholic priest was allowed to render spiritual services to an inmate of the institution under any circumstances. Dr. O'Sullivan had the patient removed immediately to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, where, of course, she received both spiritual and medical assistance.

STILL IN THE MARKET.— Peck, of Philadelphia has not carried out his contract to buy the Lakes of Killarney. His scheme of laying out the estate for the erection of great mansions seemed visionary and has now proved so. It is probable that the estate will be bought for the nation, by a subscription raised by the National Trust.

In the mean time Sir Edmund Antrobus, the owner of Stonehenge, on Salisbury Plain, the most perfect Druidical remains in the world, has offered it to the estate for $625,000. The price is deemed preposterous, especially as Stonehenge cannot be made of any practical value.

SOME FIGURES.—The Registrar-General's quarterly return gives the population of the United Kingdom at the estimated number of 40,559,950 persons. That of England Wales, is returned at 31,742,588, of Scotland at 4,281,850, and of Ireland at 4,535,516.

ECHOES FROM SCOTLAND.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.—There are signs that the forthcoming Glasgow Municipal elections, in which the Irish people take a prominent part, will be more than usually interesting. Some stirring contests are expected. The Municipal Workers' Committee, an organization composed of all the elements of labor, Irishmen being largely represented, held their annual general meeting on Friday for the purpose of electing office bearers and executive council. The question of the best wards to contest at the coming elections was freely discussed.

IN MEMORY OF GRATTAN.—The ceremony of the unveiling of a new banner in connection with the Henry Grattan Branch of the Irish National Foresters, Larkhall, took place last week. The banner is a fine specimen of the artist's work, and was painted by Mr. W. A. Donnelly. On the front of the banner the painting represents "Grattan" demanding the Irish independence in Parliament. The back painting represents the "Sunburst of Erin," on a beautiful sea with a wolf on the alert on the near shore. At each side is a Forester with pike in hand standing beside pillars on which rest a crude arching of masonry. The coat of arms of the four provinces is painted on each pillar. At the bottom are two hands clasped, with the motto, "Unity is Strength."

IRISH LANGUAGE.—The Glasgow Branch of the Gaelic League is making great strides of progress. The classes which re-opened last week are attended by a large number of people who are full of enthusiasm for the undertaking.

MR. T. N. WHITELAW DEAD.—An event of great concern to Glasgow Catholics, was the sudden death of Mr. T. N. Whitelaw last week, under somewhat distressing circumstances, says a correspondent to an exchange. The deceased, who had been suffering from an affection of the heart for some time, while running to a car on St. Vincent Street, fell down. It was thought at first that he had only fainted, and he was conveyed to the Western Club, but he expired within an hour. The sympathy of the entire Catholic population of Glasgow is extended to his young wife, whom he married only six weeks ago. Deceased was 45 years of age.

Deceased was the head of the firm of Messrs. Alexander Whitelaw and Sons, Sydney street, Glasgow. Both he and his wife were converts to the Catholic Faith. Mr. Whitelaw took a keen interest in the social problems of the day, was an authority on many of the sciences and arts, and latterly an ardent supporter of the Catholic Truth Society, for which he wrote a large number of pamphlets. He was received into the Catholic Church about eight years ago by the Very Rev. Canon Carmichael, the present rector of St. Peter's Seminary, Bearsden.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATCON.—The Irish National Foresters in Larkhall took part in an outdoor demonstration on Saturday. The different branches assembled in Raplock Park, where they were marshalled by Bro. Collins. The principal streets of the town were afterwards paraded. Six bands took part in the procession, which was one of the largest seen in the district.

DOWN BY THE SEA.

His Grace Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, has issued a pastoral letter on the devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Needless to inform our readers that anything coming from the pen of the gifted and learned Archbishop of Halifax is necessarily a gem of its kind. We cannot possibly reproduce the whole of this masterly pastoral letter; but we must not omit to extract therefrom a few of the passages which have left a powerful impression upon us. We will not take any of the remarks directly connected with the subject—the Devotion to the Sacred Heart—rather we prefer to place before our readers a few of the expressions and thoughts that seem to arise out of that subject, and to constitute, indirectly, portions thereof.

It is thus his Grace deals with the prevailing spirit of the age:

"If St. Paul could say—"Every creature groaneth and is in labor even till now," (Rom. viii-22), how much more applicable are the words to-day? On all sides a groan of despair, a cry of fretfulness, or a sigh of discontent, or a curse of hate from the lips of toiling masses, is heard. A note of sadness runs through all modern literature, and a tone of pessimism pervades all conversation. And yet men wildly and vehemently proclaim that of all ages this is the best, most prosperous, most civilized, most highly favored. — Many, whilst making this childist boast, bear hearts filled with envy, and soured by disappointment; others, who made it when fortune smiles, grow desperate in adversity and drop idly by the way side as the heedless mass presses on in feverish pursuit of perishable goods. Still others, the possessors of ill-gotten riches cursed by those whose life-blood they have coined into dollars, envied and hated by those whom they have successfully outwitted in speculation, tormented by daily fears and threats of violence, proclaim the superiority of this age and straightway foolishly seek a refuge from its cares, and rest for their troubled spirits, in the cowardly act of self-destruction."

This splendid passage, in which His Grace points out the absolute necessity of taking God into consideration if we desire to reach any truthful or logical results, is worthy of the deepest study:

"The material world is the result of an act of His supreme will. The laws which have moulded and fashioned the primordial elements into their present state and form are the outward manifestation of the essential forces with which He endowed these elements, and which under His directing and governing providence, were to eventually fit them as a dwelling place for the human race. Not by a hap-hazard, nor merely by the constant working of blind forces, have the mountains been uplifted, harbors formed, inland seas and mighty rivers prepared as highways of commerce, watersheds constructed, and mineral deposits precipitated in rock-guarded pockets. All these are results foreseen and intended by the Creator, who gave an impulse to these forces; designed the plan, traced the lines, and fixed the bounds of their evolution. All research which leaves out of consideration this connection of God with, and eminent Dominion over, the laws of Nature, is ever and inevitably at fault. It is an abuse of terms to call such research science; yet so loose is the manner of speech, so shallow the scholarship, so vague the understanding of terminology prevalent in modern literay circles, that the sacred word science is applied to all studies which investigate facts and phenomena without reference to their final cause. Now science is the knowledge of things through their ultimate or highest cause. Hence Geology, Biology, and kindred branches of study in as much as they confine their investigations to, and found their deductions on observed and observable phenomena, as such, that from all apparently identical physical conditions, similar effects necessarily follow, are in no true sense of the word sciences their votaries are not scientists, and their conclusions, whilst at times true, are not scientific facts. If a unit be overlooked in adding up a row of figures, the sum obtained is not correct despite long hours of patient labors, so, too, if one factor be eliminated from the forces at work in some specific case in creation, the conclusion deduced will be at variance with the truth. Now, all so called physical sciences omit the concurrent and guiding action of God, who is ever working in and through secondary order can beget certainty of conclusions whilst plausible are not always true and are never certain. Metaphysics and Mathematics alone in the natural order can beget certainty of conclusion. Were this truth kept in view we should hear but little of a conflict between science and religion. If men are earnest in the pursuit of truth, even in the purely natural order they should first be thoroughly grounded in Metaphysics, they will then possess a touchstone by which to test the value of their deductions in other branches of learning."

Notes From American Centres.

WEST POINT CHAPEL.—The question of a place of worship for Catholics at West Point, N.Y., the well known military post, has been settled. Ground was broken last week for the new chapel, for which Congress recently gave permission. There was no ceremony, and only a few interested persons were present. When the Rev. C. G. O'Keefe, pastor of the parish of Highland Falls, had dug into the turf, the laborers immediately began work. The contract for the chapel to cost $22,000, has been given to a New York Company. The site selected commands a view of the upper Hudson, and is easily accessible to enlisted men, officers and cadets. As soon as the chapel is finished it will be placed within limits for the cadets.

Catholics of West Point until now have had only a small building at the foot of the hill near the army service building in which to worship. Sometimes other denominations are allowed to hold services in the Episcopal cadet chapel, on the plans used the building. When Father O'Keefe became pastor of Highland Falls he determined to build a chapel on the post, and thereby started a heated controversy.

DEATH AFTER CORN PARING.—Blood poisoning from the paring of a corn has just resulted in the death of Mrs. Rosana Wakeman, wife of the late Daniel Wakeman of New Jersey. Mrs. Wakeman cut a corn on her foot with a razor last week. She pared so deep that the corn bled. She thought nothing of the matter until later in the day when her foot began to swell. The swelling quickly extended to the leg and all efforts of a physician to stop it failed. On last Saturday the case was so serious that it was deemed necessary to amputate the woman's leg. This was done, but to no avail, for she died last night at her home.

REQUEST REFUSED.—According to dispatches from Newport, R.I., which appear in the Protestant press the wedding of Miss Dora Havemeyer, daughter of Mrs. Theodore A. Havemeyer, to Lieut. Cameron McR. Winslow, flag lieutenant to Admiral Sampson, will not take place in church, as the bride wished. Miss Havemeyer is a Catholic and Lieut. Winslow is a Protestant, and Mrs. Havemeyer tried to get a special dispensation allowing the marriage to be performed in St. Mary's Catholic Church, this city. The request was sent to Rome and the answer has come back that the dispensation cannot be granted.

There are many ways of expressing gratitude to our priests. The Catholics of Ironton, in the diocese of Columbus, Ohio, have a way which is well worthy of emulationf Here is their method:

FATHER COTTER.—On behalf of the congregation of St. Lawrence church, I extend to you to-night the congratulations of our people on the completion of your ten years of trial among us. Yours were ten years of hard work, and very often because of the times of hardships.. Coming to us in hard times you faced a big work bravely. If you had been selfish you could not have done this, for it carried yourself great privations and sacrifices. You have succeeded through constant labor. In your ten years you have built a grand church, a sexton's house, and you have changed the old church into a good hall and made improvements in school buildings and the sisters' and pastor's residences. All this work was done in the hardest possible times in Ironton's history. How you have succeeded with the finances is shown by the report at your decade of your lodge.

Your finance committee reported to me that you have collected from a congregation of less than two hundred poor families the sum of $6378.01—the expenses you show from their semi-annual statements, leaving a balance of debt of $8,016.41.

Knowing, dear father, that you have always put the interest of your church before your own, your people now present you with a purse of $1,068.59, toward the mortgage debt of a church to which you have given the best years of your life. We give this purse in honor of your tenth year here, and give it with all our hearts.

Fourteen members have given the grand sum of $150 each toward it. We give this not only for the church you have taught us to love, but for the sake of the pastor whom we esteem. We esteem you not only for the financial work you have done, which, when we consider the condition of the times, may be termed a financial wonder, but above all things else, because of your character as a brilliant scholar, a perfect gentleman, and a devoted and faithful pastor.

We do not need to tell Ironton what you are, Ironton knows you, and all its citizens admire you. They chose you as the orator of the day on the first memorial day in our beautiful Memorial Hall, where, before an immense audience, you won honor, not only for yourself, but for us all.

More than your lectures, more than your magazine articles,—which have brought you fame—is the truth that you have constantly employed your great mind toward the betterment of your people. Your true generosity, your loving kindness, your patience, and your prudence, have drawn all your people close to you, and now we are, as one man, devoted to you. Your spiritual success in an organized and united people who prize their faith must be very gratifying to you, who love the faith and have taught it is earnestly and eloquently.

We sincerely hope then, dear father that you will accept this purse as a tribute of our admiration for you and a prayer that you may long remain among us who love you."

A FORTUNE AT LAW.—Ex-Judge Prendergast, one of the leaders of the Chicago Bar, is dead. Mr. Prendergast was a leader in Catholic and Irish circles. Although a young man he leaves an estate valued at more than $600,000.

The fortune that thus descends to Mr. Prendergast's children was made practically in nine years' practice of law. The ex-judge was worth less than $50,000 when he left the county bench and his accumulations since then have not been due, to any great

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NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

The parishioners of Hull are preparing for a pilgrimage to the Calvary at Rigaud at the end of August.

Rev. Dr. Fallon, O.M.I., has returned from the West.

The University will reopen on the 6th September.

The Congregation de Notre Dame will reopen next week.

The annual retreat of the Priests of the Order of Mary Immaculate commenced in the University on Wednesday, and will last a week. Rev. Father Boissame is the preacher.

The reopening of the chapel of the Monastery of the Precious Blood and the blessing of the two new lateral Altars—both of them donations—took place at half-past seven o'clock on the morning of the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, officiating, assisted by Rev. Fathers Myrand of the neighboring parish of St. Thomas Aquinas and Newman of St. Bridget's Church. High Mass was afterwards celebrated by Very Rev. Canon Bouillon, assisted by Very Rev. Canon Piante and Rev. Father Gouin. Sermons in French and English were preached by Rev. Fathers Myrand and Newman. It was a very impressive ceremony throughout, and no doubt will long remain a cherished memory to the Venerable Mother Foundress of the Order and her spiritual children as well as to all others who were present.

It would require the pen of one versed in art to adequately describe the artistic beauties of the various frescoes and other ornamentations, so that at present it must suffice to give, however imperfectly, an enumeration of them.

The main altar has been referred to in a former communication, and the two lateral altars are quite in keeping with it. They also are elaborately carved, and in their white and gold with the statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph surmounting them, present a most beautiful spectacle. Three alcoves over the altars are filled in the centre one with a representation of the Lamb without spot, the Book and the Cross, surrounded by cherubim, outside the circle, on one side, being a Pelican feeding her young with her own blood and on the other a fountain of the Life-giving water of Baptism. In full view of the sisters' choir, on the wall on the Gospel side is a Crucifixion and underneath, at Our Lady of Sorrows, bearing her Divine Son in her lap. The arch which encloses the Sanctuary has the Cross of the Passion on either side base with cherub faces at intervals up to the centre, which is filled up with a dove set in a triangle; the motto of the Order—"Gloire au sang de Jesus"—is inscribed on the front of the arch. A rich carpet sets off the floor of the sanctuary and a neat hardwood railing filled in with gilt ornamental metal work divides it from the body of the chapel, whilst a beautiful gilt lamp—"the Lamp of the Sanctuary"—lends to the general appearance. The lateral walls in the public part of the chapel are paneled with frescoes of our Lord being confronted by the Angel of Him Blindfolded while the sacrilegious soldier is in the act of striking Him; of Him with His hands bound, and clothed in the scarlet robe; of the meeting with His Blessed Mother. On the north wall of the entrance are representations of the Betrayal and of the Scourging. In the centre of the ceiling, in a circular panel, is a beautiful representation of the Ascension of Our Lord, an Angel on either side of Him and around the circle cherubim borne by Angels. Ascending to the gallery, one sees representations of the vision of the three Crosses and of the Miraculous handkerchief of St. Veronica. It is from this point that the beauty of the whole can best be appreciated; the different representative figures, the flowers, the cherubim and the appropriate inscriptions all around; the beautiful lamp and the gorgeous carpet. There remains to be mentioned the beautiful terra-cotta Stations of the Cross, which, already in their respective places, were canonically erected on Sunday the 20th instant. Twelve of them are in groups of three, and the remaining two are placed singly on either side of the chapel. Neat and chaste as they originally were, their beauty has been much brightened by the artistic brushes of the reverend ladies who, it may here be said, have executed all the works under the supervision of a professional artist. Underneath each group is painted a representation of the various instruments of the Passion. On the occasion of their erection sermons in French and English were preached by the Rev. Father Alexis of the Capuchin Friary.

With regard to these Stations it may be well to state that they have been erected in the public chapel solely for the benefit of those who visit it, as the reverend Sisters are already provided with them within the cloister. The erection and the attendant expenses should therefore be seen to by the public for whose benefit they exist. The means of the Sisters are almost nil, their dependence is almost entirely on the generosity of their friends here and elsewhere. The purchase of their present monastery involves a large outlay to meet the interest on the mortgage debt, so that everything considered there must be an anxious time as to "ways and means." Why not relieve them and thus enable them to more fully carry out the object of their order "Prayer and Labor?"

BRIEF NOTES OF NEWS.

WORK FOR CONVICTS.—A modified system of agriculture has been introduced into the penal establishments of New South Wales with the best results. At the Goulburn, Bathurst, and Parramatta jails the prisoners have been successful in the cultivation of vegetables, and at the Grafton Jail grain has been grown. The prisoners hail the system with joy, as they find the open-air work more congenial than the confinement in the workshops. The effect on the discipline has been good.

SALARIED CHOIRS.—An "Association of Salaried Roman Choristers" is the latest move in choir circles. The meeting for the organization was held at Laprairie a few days ago.

UP TO DATE.—The new Carmelite Hospice near Niagara Falls, has, since the development of electrical power at the falls in such vast quantities, put in an electrical plant for cooking and heating, which has not its equal in the world. The current is conducted two miles on bare copper wires, and about 100 horse power is used.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.— The reopening of all the schools under the control of the Roman Catholic School Board, has been fixed for Monday next. The announcement was made in all the pulpits on Sunday last.

IN MEMORY OF GLADSTONE.—At Penmaenmawr, two weeks ago, in the presence of a large gathering of people representing all political parties and creeds, a bronze bust, erected in memorial to Mr. Gladstone was unveiled.

THE BUNCO'S LATEST.— This story of the latest confidence scheme for fleecing the unsophisticated farmer is going the rounds of the American country press: A man who represents himself as a travelling preacher calls and asks to remain overnight. Before the hour for retiring a young man and woman come along and ask if there is not a minister in the house who can perform a marriage ceremony. The young couple join hands and the farmer and his wife are asked to sign the marriage certificate as witnesses. The certificate turns out after to be a promissory note.

CHURCH ROBBERS.—The Italian Catholic Church in Passaic, N.J., was entered by thieves last week, for the third time in a few months, and many of the sacred vessels were stolen.

The thieves entered during services and secreted themselves until after the church had been closed. Then they broke open the closets in which the articles for the altar were kept. They escaped through the window.

FOR DESTITUTE BOYS.— A magnificent new home for destitute boys in San Francisco, known as the "Youths' Directory Building," was dedicated a few days ago by Archbishop Riordan. It is a four-storey brick structure of large dimensions.

McSHANE'S TURN NOW.— It is said that Hon. James McShane will shortly be named Harbor Master of Montreal, with a salary of $4,000 a year. The appointment will be a popular one.

WILLIAM POWER DEAD.— William Power, veteran shipbuilder, died on Tuesday morning, after a prolonged illness. Deceased was 78 years of age, and was born at Prince Edward Island. He was engaged in shipbuilding at Quebec, Montreal and Kingston, and many famous craft were of his handiwork.

The week ending August the 26th, eighteen hundred young Irish girls ranging from sixteen to twenty years of age landed in New York.

PPLUCKY WOMEN.—Three Chicago women are engaged in the novel task of building a house; laying the brick, mixing the mortar, and carrying the hod all with their own hands. They are Mrs. Franz Liebegut and her two daughters. They and their work are objects of interest to the whole city, many of whom frankly stop off the car to watch the strange and intesresting performance.