

ST. PATRICK'S DAY, 1895.

In the advertising columns of the St. Patrick's Day Souvenir Number, special rates will be given to all Religious and Educational institutions.

For terms application should be made at the office, 761 Craig street. This is a most favorable opportunity of making known to the public the advantages afforded by our different institutions, and we trust that many of them will see the benefit of obtaining space in this exceptional number.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

TWO WEEKS ago Brother Columbkille, the oldest Christian Brother in the United States, passed away from the scene of his labors to that of his reward. There is something very suggestive in the adopted name in religion of the good and holy man whom so many lament. It at once connects him with Ireland, and associates his life with the ages of glory when Erin was the "Isle of Saints."

It was Napoleon I. who instituted the Legion of Honor, as a decoration for merit, to replace the titles that the monarchs conferred for signal services. Of the vast number who have received the Cross of the Legion of Honor, there are forty-eight women, and of these twenty-nine were Sisters belonging to various religious Orders, such as Sisters of Charity and Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul. What grander testimony could be paid to the noble Catholic women who sacrifice their lives for the glory of God and the good of humanity.

THE Catholic Standard of Philadelphia says: "A leaf of the Bible in Visigoth characters of the ninth century has been discovered in the archives of the Haute Garonne in Toulouse. After a profound study of the text, which corresponds with chapters XX. and XXI. of Ecclesiastes, it is believed to be an ancient Latin version, hitherto unknown, the first and only one signalized in Europe after the Vulgate, and which the evidence of probability leads to be attributed to St. Jerome. The Abbe Donais, professor of history at the Catholic Institute of Toulouse, will shortly publish an appreciation of this precious document."

We cannot too strongly recommend that our readers should order, as early as possible, whatever copies of our St. Patrick's Day Souvenir Number they may require. The edition is limited and we feel that as soon as the magnificent work of art displayed upon the cover is seen, thousands will be hastening to secure copies at any price—but they will be too late. Although we consider that this number will be actually the finest of its class ever issued in Canada, it will be sent wrapped in a tube to any address, for the sum of twenty-five cents. Once more we state—and we do not exaggerate—that the cover alone is worth double the money. The illustrations, letterpress, and subjects, will be in keeping with that artistic triumph. "First come, first served."

THE Chicago Tribune says: "Mr. Maurice Francis Egan, who is acknowledged by the critics to be one of the living masters of the sonnet, has written very few since his famous 'Theocritus' and 'Maurice de Guerin' sonnets, which attracted the attention of Mathew Arnold." It is announced that Mr. Egan's "Resurrection," the product of two years' work, will appear in the April Century. We are anxious to read this effort of the versatile author. Certainly if Mr. Egan has devoted so much

time to a poem it cannot fail to be a model of construction. There is something very pleasing in his name; it never grates upon the senses, it seems to flow most musically, and, whether the subject be simple or grand, it is always appropriate.

A CONTEMPORARY suggests that its subscribers in sending in their subscriptions should also send the names and addresses of friends, so that sample copies may be mailed them. If each subscriber would send in one name, the circulation of the paper would be doubled. Just reflect how simple and easy it is to augment the influence of your Catholic paper and to secure its permanent prosperity. Would our readers kindly take the hint?

REV. JOHN S. CULLEN, who has recently been named successor to the lamented Father Stack, of Watertown, has many friends in Montreal who will be glad to hear of his well-deserved promotion. Rev. Father Cullen completed his theological course at the Grand Seminary of Montreal. Recently he has been the pastor of South Framingham, Mass., where he did almost wonders for that young parish. We congratulate Father Cullen on his new appointment, and wish him every success imaginable in his future career.

It is rumored in Rome that in order to not depart from the usual custom in the promotion of Apostolic delegates abroad, Mgr. Satolli will be appointed Nuncio at Lisbon, prior to being created a Cardinal. What foundation there is for such a rumor is very difficult to say. We were not aware that it was a custom to appoint a Papal representative to the post of Nuncio before conferring the red hat. If Rome thinks well of elevating Mgr. Satolli to the rank of Cardinal, we are under the strong impression that Rome can do so, whether he is in the United States or any place else.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY has at least one very brilliant representative, and, better still, he hails from the classic region of Olympia. Inspired, probably, by the defunct pagan gods of old Olympus, or the modern imitations, in the demi-gods of Olympia, W.T., he has introduced in the House a memorial to Congress asking that Mgr. Satolli, the Papal Alegate, be removed from United States territory. Mr. A. P. A. Taylor is very ambitious; but we fear he is overdoing the business this time. There will be a Papal Delegate in the United States, if Rome so desires, long after that bright representative has been removed from his Olympian abode to the Hades of his deities.

IN our last issue we published Henry J. Morgan's admirable article, which appeared in The Owl, entitled "Recollections of Father Dawson." Mr. Morgan has issued the same in a pamphlet, to which he adds a portion of the sermon preached by the Rev. W. T. Herridge, B.D., in which the Pastor of St. Andrew's, Ottawa, refers to Dr. Dawson's example and career. The whole is dedicated to Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., Chancellor of Queen's University, and one of the late priest's oldest and most valued friends. Mr. Morgan announces that he is preparing, at the request of a committee of Irish-Canadian gentlemen, the Life, Speeches and Literary Remains of the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee—poet, orator and statesman. Mr. Morgan invites the assistance of all persons "who may be in a position to contribute interesting anecdotes or recollections in connection with Mr. McGee's career in

Canada, or to furnish reports of lectures and speeches delivered, or copies of letters, reports or memoranda, written by him during the same period." These communications may be addressed to Mr. H. J. Morgan, P. O. Box 445, Ottawa. We may state that, owing to the fact of nearly all Mr. McGee's lectures and addresses having been prepared mentally, and on the plan of a few notes or headings, and in consequence of a great lack of reports in those days, many of his grandest efforts are lost. The more precious then the few that have escaped oblivion.

IN the town of Tramore, Ireland, "there are now living no fewer than four centenarians—Martin Fitzgerald, aged 107 years; Mrs. Kennedy, aged 105; James Maher, aged 101 years, and Jos. Phelan, who has just completed his hundredth year." In the London Globe of January 7, appeared these lines:

Now, you who find living a bore,
Keep away from the town of Tramore,
For the air is so rare,
That the populace there,
However they try,
Cannot possibly die,
Till they're close to the age of five score,
Five score!

But if you would live to five score,
Make tracks for the town of Tramore,
Where you'll find by the shore
Centenarians four
(There are possibly more),
And old people galore,
So healthy a town is Tramore,
Tramore!

There's marvellous Martin Fitzgerald,
Mrs. Kennedy, grandest old girl,
Old girl!

Maher, Phelan aroo!
And O'Donnell aboo!
And Methusalem, too,
If he had but his due,
Would be found to have hailed from Tramore,
Would be found to have hailed from Tramore.

It was a splendid example that the late Marshal Canrobert set on his return from the funeral of King Victor Emmanuel. The Government had voted the Marshal four thousand dollars for his expenses as representative of France upon that occasion. Of the sum he only spent two thousand four hundred dollars. On his return he handed the Minister of Foreign Affairs the balance—one thousand six hundred dollars. The Minister remarked that the lump sum of four thousand having been voted, it belonged to the Marshal, and the Treasury could not take it back. Placing the money on the table, Canrobert said: "I know nothing about your financial manoeuvres, but this I know, that I did not spend those \$1,600, and I leave them with you." Marshal Canrobert was not of the modern school of politicians—"Que les tenyess sont changes!"

LA BANNIERE DE MARIE IMMACULEE is the title of a most interesting and highly instructive publication that appears once yearly from the Oblate Juniorat at Ottawa. The third number has just been issued, and it is replete with contributions of great interest. It is largely illustrated and ably edited. The object of the publication is to facilitate the vocation of young men who feel themselves called to the great field of missionary life. Amongst the illustrations in the present number are: Mgr. C. J. E. De Mazenod, Bishop of Marseille, and Founder of the Oblate Order; the Juniorat du Sacre-Coeur; Mgr. Tache, late Archbishop of St. Boniface; The Missionary's Farewell—a most inspiring picture, consisting of about twelve scenes; De Maisonneuve; Mgr. Lartigue, first Bishop of Montreal; Notre Dame Church; Mgr. Bourget, second Bishop of Montreal; Sacred Heart Church, Montreal; Mgr. Fabre, first Archbishop of Montreal; St. James Cathedral, Montreal; Vicar-Gen-

eral Bourgeault; Rev. Canon Racicot; Villa Maria Convent; The Grey Nunnery; The Good Shepherds; Very Rev. Pere Soullier, Superior General of the Oblates; St. Peter's Church; Laval University; Interior of St. Vincent de Paul Church; Rev. Canon Bruchesi, and fourteen scenes in the Qu'Appelle missions. Imagine the contents of a publication of which the foregoing are only a few illustrations, the reading matter corresponding with them. The number before us consists of eighty pages; and not the least interesting of them is the graphic account of the last days and death of the good and great Archbishop of St. Boniface. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate deserve great credit and their Banner of Mary Immaculate has a strong claim to generous support.

IN November and December, 1894, and January, 1895, The Month, of London, England, published three papers from the pen of Rev. Edward J. Devine, S.J., on the subject of the "Canadian Pacific Railway." Father Devine is well known in Montreal, where he was for a long time spiritual director of the Catholic Truth Society and editor of the "Little Messenger of the Sacred Heart." During the past two years he has been doing mission work along the line of the C.P.R., from Schreiber west several hundred miles. Travelling constantly up and down the line he has had ample opportunity of taking the observations that he has turned to such good account. The three papers take in the "History, Construction, Development and Present Organization" of that wonderful institution. Recently the three articles were reprinted in pamphlet form, and we have to thank the Rev. Father for a copy of his admirable work. It is certainly one of the most important contributions to the railway, as well as general, literature of Canada that our decade has produced. Written in a clear, forcible style, bristling with facts and data, free from all political bias, the work—while coming from the pen of a Catholic priest, and a Jesuit—is without a tinge of religious propagandism. It is one of the best pieces of evidence of the patriotic spirit of the Jesuit, and is a crushing proof of the miserable narrowness exhibited by the people who imagine that, when a man becomes a member of that noble Order, he necessarily divests himself of all individuality and all patriotic sentiment. Father Devine has done a good and a grand work; and we are proud that it has found an audience in Europe, where so little is actually known of Canada as she really is. Such works deserve unstinted encouragement.

THE Boston Pilot has generally very apt criticism in its short paragraphs. Amongst its many able and witty illustrations we find the following in last week's issue:

"Criticism is passed upon the Queen's speech, because it contains no allusion to Home Rule. We incline to believe that it is like the story of the Captain's Hat, the which is a parable: Once upon a time, when sea captains had a good deal more latitude than they now have, a worthy shipmaster, accounting to his owners for various expenditures on his voyage included among them the item of five dollars for a hat. "We do not pay for our captain's hats," said the auditor, in striking out that item. "All right," said the captain. When his next report was audited, the same critic remarked satirically, "I see you haven't any hat charged this time." "That's so," was the prompt reply; "but it's there all the same." We think that Home Rule "is there," whether Lord Rosebery has put it down in black and white or not. And if it is not there, it will be before the session ends, or somebody will know the reason why."