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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

The foundation stone of the Irish National Church in Rome, was laid on Wednesday. Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, assisted in the ceremonies and delivered an oration.

It is stated that the Pope's jubilee gifts are valued at £3,500,000. Of course this includes the money presents. One of the most beautiful and costly gifts his Holiness has received is a crozier sent by the Prince of Monaco. It was made in Paris, and is constructed of gold, incrustured from top to bottom with diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. It is a masterpiece of the jewellers' art.

The Paris correspondent of the *London Chronicle* (usually a most unvarnished journal it must be said), says that Cardinal Gibbons has written another letter urging the Vatican not to condemn Henry George's writing on the ground that George only follows the theories of Spencer and Mill, and it is better to allow false theories to die a natural death than to fan them by giving them artificial importance.

The Lecturership in the new Faculty of Law about to be established at Toronto University will be offered, it is rumoured, and we believe with good reason, to Mr. D. A. O'Sullivan, D.C.L., of this city. The appointment would be regarded as an excellent one. Mr. O'Sullivan's writings on common and constitutional law give him special pre-eminence; added to which he has laboured for many years on the Senate of the University, and is thoroughly identified with University life and work.

On Monday the Pope received three hundred American pilgrims, among whom were the Archbishop of Philadelphia, the Bishop of Buffalo, the Vicar-General of Charleston and the Rector of the American College at Rome. His Holiness delivered no address, but received the pilgrims privately and gave his blessing, and addressed a few words to them. On Wednesday the Pope received the Irish pilgrims and clergy, who presented him with addresses expressing devotion. They also brought a number of gifts for the Pope. After these had been presented, his Holiness descended from the throne and walked down the ranks formed by the visitors, giving each his benediction and adding a few kindly words. To the leaders he expressed his desire for a peaceful settlement of the Irish question.

The Gladstonians are getting ready to pour in a raking fire upon the Ministry upon the assembling of Parliament which takes place on the 9th. By an old custom both Houses of Parliament present an address to the Queen in response to her speech. An hour or two suffices for this formality. In the House of Lords a short night's debate used to satisfy. In the House of Commons last session over three weeks were consumed. The Opposition propose to keep the debate going quite as long this year. The imprisonment of Irish members, the interference of meetings in Trafalgar square, and the mismanagement of the navy will all be brought forward in time. Ireland alone is expected to swallow up three weeks before any real business is even approached. Such it is said, is the Opposition programme. To stifle debate, however, the Ministers, it is understood, propose making some sweeping alterations in the present procedure rules, reducing the numbers necessary to enforce the closure, which doubtless will be particularly convenient by way of recourse this session.

A New York paper announces that the prosecution is in prospect of the "Rev." Justin D. Fulton, the man who is going to exterminate, root and branch, the Catholic Church on this continent. A police inspector and detective attended one of his meetings in Brooklyn a few nights ago, to purchase one of his books and to secure evidence that would warrant his arrest. The legal advice taken on the subject was to the effect, it is stated, that Fulton's book is obscene, scurrilous, and taken altogether, a dirty collection of antiquated falsehoods. The statutes declare that any person selling, loaning or distributing obscene matter, is guilty of a misdemeanour, and is liable to a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$1,000, or to serve a term of imprisonment not less than ten days nor exceeding one year, or both. The statement of the publishers, it is contended, proves the book to be an immoral publication, while the system adopted for the distribution shows that the author is cognizant of his liability, but imagines he is evading the provisions of the law. The District Attorney, it is announced, takes the same view of the matter.