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Bishop and People Unanimously From the Days of the Declaration

Hon. John Meagher, a member of the Upper House of the Legislature of New South Wales, who is at present on a visit to Ireland, thus gives his views of the exiles in Australia regarding the Irish Party: We have no time for factionists of any kind. You will remember that only a few years ago Joseph Devlin appealed to us in Australia for funds to carry on the Nationalist cause. The result was the magnificent sum of \$110,000, and the sencause. The result was the magnificent sum of \$110,000, and the sentiment that appealed to our people
above and before all, was a united
Party under a responsible leader. We
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ALL HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE IRISH LEADER AND PARTY.

Cardinal Moran and every Bishop and priest in Australia set themselves against faction. All have absolute and full confidence in the Irish Party under the leadership of John Redmond. There can be no doubt of this fact, our great Cardinal and ail our Bishops and all our priests, as well as the whole of the Irish laity in Australia are for a united Irish Party under the leader who is elected by the majority of the members of that Party. We at a distance, having no local prejudice, and looking on from outside all petty considerations and facts and factions, cannot help thinking that when seventy or more Irish constituencies are of one mind, they are more likely to be right than the ten or a dozen who are of another. Then,

### INTERESTING MISSIONARY ITEM

"Though only four of the thirteen States immediately abolished all religious disabilities, it may truly be said that with the Declaration of Independence the Catholic Church in America began to be free. And with freedom came growth, so that with the Declaration of Independence began that astonishing advance of Catholicity in the Iluited States, which has been one of the wonders of the past century, and which has given a new people to the Catholic Church. Fourteen archbishops and eighty-nine bishops now bear sway over a Catholic population numbered by millions, in those same lands, where little more than a hundred years ago Bishop Challoner, by means of letters written from far-distant London, strove to provide for the needs of 25,000 souls who made up his flock.

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letters written from far-distant London, strove to provide for the needs of 25,000 souls who made up his flock.

"It was little enough he could do yet who shall say how much of the later harvest has been due to the seed of his prayer; and the Catholic Church in America, in her strength and beauty to-day, may recall as one of her earlier graces that for more than twenty years Bishop Challoner was her sole pastor, and that thus she may point to his name on the roll of her former bishops and fathers in God.

"It is indeed a strange and curious fact to remember, but it is none the less true, that during the rest of Bishop Challoner's life, his jurisdiction over his American priests and people remained the only remnant af authority in the bands of an Englishman that was still recognized in America. King and Parliament and Ministry had lost their power, but this feeble old man, living his retired life in an obscure London street, still continued to issue his faculties and dispensations for the benefit of his Catholic children in Maryland and Pennsylvania. His wish in their regard had ever been that they might have a vicar apostolic of their own; but this death that John Carroll was consecrated first Bishop of Baltimore, by Dr. Walmesley, the senior English vicar apostolic. But when in this way there was forged the link that will ever connect the hierarchies of England and the United States in close and valued relationship, the desire of Bishop Challoner's heart was fulfilled in a larger and fuller way-than he had ever hoped."

These paragraphs are taken from the "Life of Bishop Challoner," by

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turns the impression has grown that quite a percentage of converts are never recorded. None of the converts who have been validly baptized as Protestants and therefore received into the Church on simple profession of faith, are included in this list, and moreover a percentage of adults baptized on their reception into the Church are not recorded, for some reason or another. Probably ten per cent. would cover these categories. Adding this to the actual figure of record, it sheuld run the aggregate to 31.580. However, to be conservative, we shall accept as a stereotyped figure for convertmaking in the United States in one year 28,709, and we feel that we are well within the mark. The figures range from 1497 in New York to a vanishing quantity in some places. It is noteworthy that in the dioceses where tapostolate Bands are established the numbers rise above the average—as, for example, New York, 1.497 converts; Cleveland, 737; Mobile, 488. In New England convert-making is very much below the mark. There were only 1.772 converts in a population of over 2,000,000, or one in 1200; while the average-for the country at large is about one in 500. The Southern States have an enviable record of about 2000 converts in a Catholic population of 1,000,000. Catholicity has made its way in these States in spite of strong Protestantism and the opposition of rooted prejudice and bitter antagonism. In these States active and aggressive missionary work has gone on for the last few decades of years.—The Missionary.

### Saving a Habit With French People.

Interesting information regarding the thrift of the French people is contained in the latest publication put out by the National Monetary Commission in the shape of a contribution by Alfred Neymarck, editor of the Rentier, a French financial publication.

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cance to the alphabet, and possibly was derived from the practice of the earliest Irish bishops, who inscribed the alphabet on the lines of ashes crossing the floor. It is said of St. I atrick that "he wrote 365 alphabets or more, and he also founded churches in the same number, 365. He ordained 365 bishops also or more, in whom was the Spirit of God." Possibly the analysis of this engima is that as the number of alphabets coincides with the number of churches and bishops which he founded and ordained the first term may be taken to mean that he concludes the constant of the constant