

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

What England... The rights of the... Cardinal Archbishop.

The Feast of St. Augustine... with special solemnity at the church of St. Mary of the Angels, Baywater. A crowded congregation was present at the High Mass when the Cardinal Archbishop presided and made the annual appeal for the schools of the mission.

WHAT CAN UNMAKE ENGLAND?

What can unmake England? We might be unmade by powers greater than ourselves. We might be brought to ruin by internal revolutions and conflicts and seditions.

UPRISING OF THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND.

have become religious schools of an imperfect Christianity. I cannot call them Christian schools—I would I could. But I am bound in honor and conscience to say that these schools have admitted Christian prayers, Christian hymns, and the reading of the Bible—though with an imperfect interpretation by untrained persons.

argul of a child stained with sin, darkened by ignorance, torn by the temptations of a world degraded from the condition of a child of God to the degradation which Satan inflates upon those who fall under his power.

His Eminence went on to remind his hearers that there were various ways in which they could help the work of Catholic education. They could help it by generously responding to such appeals as he was then making to them. They could help it by becoming annual subscribers. They could help it by collecting among their friends. They could help it by putting on Lord Jesus Christ among their heirs when they were making their last will and testament.

THE RED RIVER VALLEY OF MINNESOTA AND DAKOTA

Has reached the front rank as the most productive grain-raising region on the continent. Soil richer than the valley of the Nile. Single countries raise millions of bushels of grain yearly.

IRISH TENANT RIGHT.

The Substance of Law Meted Out to the Irish Tenants While the Principle of Right is Withheld.

(From the Oldham Evening Chronicle.)

Mr. Balfour has many times affirmed that Irish tenants have an absolute right to their own improvements. Notably our Chief Secretary made this assertion at Manchester. Let us look a little at facts. Mr. Gladstone's Land Bill of 1881 contained the famous Healy clause, which was so constructed originally as to forbid altogether the consecration by landlords of tenants property in dual holdings.

Now let us put a case into the plain, practical form it has been appearing in since the Irish Judges gave judgement in the "Adams v. Punsnett" case, and made known to landlords what the law meant to uphold. Suppose a tenant holds land for which he pays a rent of £20 per annum, and improves it by drainage to such an extent that its rent value becomes £100 a year instead of £20. Suppose, also, that the capital laid out by this improving tenant ought to return in fair interest about £25 a year. This £25 represents the sum which the law calls on the landlord to relinquish to his improving tenant, and all the law fully provides for the landlord to see how this work is done. The law works in this way: It says that the landlord can relate to the original tenant of a stranger for £100, but if he fails to do so the £100 must be minus the first rent of £20, and the interest due for tenants capital

paid, out on improvements £25; so that, deducting £45 from £100, the landlord's increased rent will be £55 per annum in lieu of £20, although he has not laid out one farthing in improving the farm. Supporting this tenant refuses the increased rent and claims the whole of his improvements, and his tenant might as well be a tenant of a piece of land of £100, and destroy the value of the tenant right, and the law will award for the tenant's property will be estimated in accord with the original capital upon which the tenant, with large deductions made for his compensation from usage, and, supposing the tenant to have enjoyed his improvements for 20 years, the law will probably assert that they have lapsed altogether to the landlord. If the tenant is evicted, his case is still worse. His tenant right will lose all value under threats of high rent and the law authorizes an evicting landlord to take all he finds in on such farms, so that, in lieu of a debt of £30, landlords often take and destroy property worth £300. It is true that the evicted tenants can redeem during the six months following eviction, but, as they must pay all costs, and lose the use of the farm while waiting, it is not easy for evicted tenants to redeem, and many landlords evict through the county courts, which runs up expenses enormously, and destroys all hope of redemption. The Land Act of 1887 introduced a clause making the expenses of evictions reasonably low, but the Castle gang procured some arbitrary enactments from the Dublin rulers which restored the old exorbitant legal charges for evictions. This action of the Castle was in direct opposition to the intentions of Parliament, but it has attracted little notice. Some of the Ulster estates enjoy a species of legalised and privileged tenant-right customs, under which tenants can protect their property pretty fairly, so long as they can escape rack-renting and enforce free sale of tenant-right, insist on holding their improvements altogether, irrespective of the length of time they have enjoyed them. Ulster landlords have appealed against such rights, but the supreme courts have not dared to apply to tenant-right any such estates the rulings they have applied to the rest of Ireland. And the Ulster farmers have been robbed of their dearly-bought tenant right they must have risen up against their plunderers. The other three provinces are more readily manipulated for the advantage of landlords.

We will, in conclusion, give a case illustrating what may occur any day. The late Colonel King-Harman, taking advantage of a clause forbidding sub-letting (although he had himself connived at the sub-letting), evicted a wealthy tenant in 1887. This tenant claimed for improvements £1,800, but only got £389, out of which the Board of Works claimed £180 on account of a building loan. The rent of this farm was £40, and since the eviction Colonel King-Harman got over £70 a year rent for the sub-lettings, and it was proved in court that the rental of the farm question would bring in the weight of £90 per annum. Readers can readily see the bearing of all this. The old rent of leasehold farms was £40. The present rent is £180. The compensation for improvements cost the landlord only £208, and the law costs were borne by the tenant, and were very heavy. Quite recently, while defending a tenant in Dublin from landlord exactions, Mr. T. Healy quoted Mr. Balfour as having affirmed a tenant's right to hold his own property in dual holdings. The landlord's counsel replied, "Oh, people talk lots of rubbish in the House of Commons." So, notwithstanding the benign legislation of recent years it is with Irish tenants as it was with their fathers, and while the Government holds forth to the English people, and to the world, that the substance of law is meted out to them, yet the vital principle of right is withheld.

WHOLESALE DROWNING IN THE PAST.

Some of the Noted Floods and Inundations of the World's History.

Inundations and floods following upon long-continued and heavy rains, or suddenly upon the bursting of a water-spout or rain-cloud, have at long intervals in the world's history been destructive of whole communities and thousands and tens and hundreds of thousands of human beings. In the Christian era disasters of this character that are comparable with the one which occurred in the last few weeks ago, number nearly 100. Of such are fully authenticated in history, England, Holland, France, Germany, Austria, and China have been the scene. America has seldom been visited by such calamities, owing it may be to the sparse population of the low lands.

A MINISTER IN PRISON.

Rev. Mr. Burns Pleads Guilty to Post Office Robberies—A Sad Case in Court.

KINGSTON, June 25.—Rev. R. T. Burns, deputy postmaster, has confessed that he is a defaulter to the extent of over \$3,000. He is an English clergyman, and for years has been most successful in church work. He has given the names of a dozen of his victims. He was also a Sabbath school worker. He is about 52 years of age, and is the son of the late Justice Burns, of Toronto, a family of high integrity. He manipulated the accounts of illiterate farmers and laborers, and by making false entries in Government returns succeeded in swindling poor people, whose fears were allayed by his placing in their savings bank books the amount they had deposited. Mr. Burns, when confronted with his crime, broke down, and made a clean breast of the affair. He says that the temptation to take money was irresistible. He is completely overcome, and is willing to stand any punishment that is put on him. When arraigned before the magistrate to warrant his committal for trial, Burns was overcome that he had to be helped out of court. He cried, "Oh, this will kill me."

THE EVIL EYE.

Some Superstitions of the Old World That Are Long Lived.

Shortly after his election Pius IX, who was then adored by the Romans and perhaps the best loved man in Italy, was driving through the streets when he happened to glance upward at an open window at which a nurse was standing with a child. A few minutes afterward the nurse let the child drop and it was killed. No one thought the pope had wished this, but the fancy that he had the evil eye became universal and lasted till his death.

THE EVIL EYE.

In Carniola, if you tell her mother that her baby is strong and large for its age, a farmer that his crops are looking well, or a coachman that his team is good, all three will slip at your feet to avert the omen, and if you understand the custom, you will do the same as an act of politeness.

THINGS A LADY HATES.

She hates dirt. Every morning she begins a new campaign against dirt, hunts it down wherever it hides itself, and abolishes it. She hates it just as much where it is seen by her eyes as where she does where the lady next door can see it. She hates it in the collar, in the garter, in the backyard, in the cupboard, in the shed. She pursues it where it collects in heaps, and where it powders itself on hard surfaces in the form of dust.

JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND.

CRUCIFIXION.

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A WOMAN ON THE GALLOWS.

Whiteling was hanged here this morning for the deliberate poisoning of her husband and two children with arsenic for the purpose of securing the insurance on their lives. The woman's bearing throughout the ordeal was a most remarkable exhibition of fortitude and resignation to her fate.

A QUEER FAMILY.

There is no more peculiar family than the Glens, two sisters and a brother, who live in Urbane, O. All are unmarried, and John, the brother, is a study. There were once three boys. The father was odd. He would never go in debt. Once he went to buy the boys a coat each, but his money gave out and he only got two.

BABIES OF THE WORLD.

It has been computed that between 36,000,000 and 37,000,000 of babies are born into the world each year. The rate of production is therefore, about seventy a minute, or rather more than one for every beat of the clock. With the one a minute calculating every reader is familiar, but it is not every one who stops to calculate what it means when it comes to a year's supply. And it will probably, therefore, startle a good many persons to find on the authority of a writer in the hospital that could the infants of a year be ranged in line cradles seven deep they would go round the globe. We have the ingenious conclusion also that supposing to grow up and the sexes to be about equally divided, we would have an army of a hundred millions as large as the forces of the British Empire, with a wife in addition to every soldier. The same writer looks at the matter in a still more picturesque light. He imagines the babies being carried past a given point in their mothers charge one by one, and the procession being kept up continuously night and day until the last corner in the twelfth month has passed by. A sufficiently liberal rate of speed is allowed, not even with these babies in arms going past twenty a minute, the reviewing officer would only have seen a sixth part of the infants host file onward by the time he had been a year at his post. In other words, the babe that had to be carried when the work began would be able to waddle onward itself when a mere fraction of its comrades had reached the saluting post; and when the year's supply of babies was tapering to a close, he'd be a rear guard not of infants, but of rumped boys and girls. They would have passed in, but on the maternal arms into the hands of the school teacher. Every moment of nearly seven years would be required to complete this grand parade of these little ones that, in the course of twelvemonth, being to play their part in the first age of man.—Lueda Mercury.

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