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Dr. Dyrenforth's rain-producing experiments in Kansas having been pronounced successful, they appear to have opened a new region for the operations of practical science. Dr. Kniften, of Chicago, following the same idea, has suggested that dynamite be used to prevent frosts, and he is credited with having made out a strong case in support of his theory. Early frosts do great damage to the crops out West occasionally. These can be prevented, the Chicago doctor contends, by the artificial formation of vapor masses in the air, on the Dyrenforth rain-making plan. His theory is that, frosts being impossible on cloudy nights, all that is necessary is to produce the clouds in order to stop the frosts. The idea seems pretty far-fetched, but the possible saving of millions of dollars' worth of grain to the farmers may secure a practical test of his theory.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Lynch has made a speech which has carried dismay into the ranks of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Education. In addition to some other grievances caused by that body he stated the present system under which the high schools and academies are being conducted is only productive of evil, ruining the schools and children, the latter being examined with useless knowledge. The basis of the children's education seems to be that they are bound to ultimately go to a university whereas not five per cent of common school children receive a university education. The subjects of education which would be of the greatest use to children. to be brought up in the country, and as agriculturists, were too much neglected and the country schools not afforded that assistance to which they are entitled. The evil complained of is not alone in the Protestant board. There is a general such a guest. It may be that if the tendency to "cram" a lot of matter into Pope is compelled to leave the Vatican the heads of children which can never be the same offer may be repeated, and, of any use of them and prevents them temporarily sojourning under the British acquiring knowledge of a really useful flag, he may enjoy once more liberty of language is still that of bitterness, and character. A superficial smattering of action and personal freedom which has McCarthy, Dillon and other leaders any Jesuit who praised Torquemada for the rudiments of advanced education is not been his for some time past. In ought to have enough of influence to his crucity? Has our contemporary HON. MR. CHAPLEAU'S ALperfectly useless and can only result in another column appears a statement at- silence him. With the vituperation all ever read the article in Appleton's consequences quite detrimental. A re- tributed to a person high in authority form in the general scheme of editection and office at Rome which is supposed to is imperatively needed.

Europe will show that one power only O'Bryen, the distinguished ecclesiastic, menaces the peace. Germany, threatened by France on one side and Russia on the other, is compelled to maintain her attitude as an armed nation on the defensive. Austria, also threatened by Russia, must hold herself in readiness to resist the huge army concentrated along her eastern frontiers. Italy, to avoid isolation and keep her place among the powers, is forced to make vast sacrifices in the maintenance of an army and navy. Great Britain, to secure her commerce, preserve peace, on which that commerce largely depends, and defend her Indian empire, must keep prepared for any eventuality. Russia is the only nation that has nothing to fear from any of her neighbors, and could, were she to renounce the impossible dream of dominating Europe, give the signal for peace. But she will not, and there can be no hope of peace till her power is broken. All the best interests to flee. of France are on the side of tranquility, and those interests would assuredly ineline her to peace were it not for the hope of regaining her lost provinces through alliance with Russia. Without Government property, and have made that hope, France would be no menace the Pope a subject of the Government and arrangellational the Italian laws." to peace. Thus it appears that Russin is the one nation whose ambition keeps Europe under arms.

THE devil appears to have established a regular cult of his own, in the Theoso. phy of which the notorious Mrs. Besant has lately become the high priestess, in succession to the almost equally notorious Madame Blavatsky, recently deceased. From the first it was expected that Mrs. Besant would be selected for this un- him is amenable to the laws of the land speakable honor, but she had a formid- and subject to fine and imprisonment. able rival in the eccentric Countess of Any word in favor of the Pope is Caithness, who has long been a leading of Italy, and Italy imagines her institulight in Theosophy. The latter, how tions to be perfect. Italy has declared ever, has withdrawn her pretensions, and that Humbert's right to Rome is inthe divorced wife of an English Church minister reigns supreme having class. He considers his rights over the Italian minister reigns supreme, having aban- city as sacred, and the world outside discussion of the question. The entire claims and rights of His Holiness. It ran. Referring to that gentleman's long

which she was associated with the late Charles Bradlaugh. According to the story she has given out, she had become the pupil of one of the Mahatmas of the Himalayas-the same gentleman who communicated with Madame Blavatsky -and that from him she had received letters by precipitation out of the air, as not paid in advance: \$1.50 (Country) and \$2 her late friend did. She pretends that these Mahatmas, or masters of strange lore, had, by dint of special training, prolonged through many incarnations, resolved the power of communicating instantaneously with persons in any part of the world, either by speech or writing, and appearing in what she calls the thought-body. Letter precipitation, it may be observed, is not a peculiarity confined to a Mahatma dealing with his pupil or Chilah, such as Mrs. Besant says she now is. American spiritualists claim to receive messages in writing transmitted over vast distances; so there is nothing new or extraordinary in this profession of Mrs. Besant's. What has been observed as remarkable is that a woman who many years ago abandoned Christianity for Freethought should become the obedient and apparently convinced follower of a Himalayan mystic. Her conversion to this new faith has hda a wide influence among Freethinkers, with whom she has vast induence, on account of her apparent sincerity. Esoteric Buddhism has thus been added to the many fads of retrogressive heresies which now torment mankind. But the process through which Mrs. Besant has passed is not uncommon among Freethinkers. Their ranks are being constantly thinned by defections to Spiritualism, which is only another form of devil worship. As these men grow older, they feel the necessity of religious faith, but having schooled themselves into disbelief of Christianity, they grasp at the hope of immortality contained in the revolations of the tablerappers. It is a sad thing in these bossted days of enlightenment, and should warn us to hold fast to the faith of our fathers.

THE RUMORS ABOUT THE POPE.

The reports concerning the possibility of the Pope leaving Rome, or more correctly, perhaps, being forced to leave by the present Government, may be taken as at least indicating a strong probability. The present position of the Holy Father is so intolerable, and the conduct of the secular power bordering so close on persecution, that the necessity for such a step may shortly arise. It is well: known that at a time when the josition of the Holy Father was in danger some years ago the British Government offered him hospitality, and endeavored to put the old palace of the Knights of St. John in a condition worthy of receiving east some light on the question. On the other hand, however, the statement in A broad view of the situation in question is not credited by Mgr. of the great chieftain, his sincerest folwho brought the beretta to Cardinal to make his name the battle-cry of dis-Taschereau a few years ago. In a re- union, and the destruction of Ireland's ported conversation, published in an hopes, are not men to be trusted in a evening contemporary, he is represented great national crisis like the present. as saying:-

"And this talk about the Pope leaving

"I believe it is all imaginary. I don't think the Pope has even for an instant thought of it, nor are there any cardinals in Rome who are of that opinion. The Pope did not win his position by arms. It was handed down to him since the days of St. Peter. Pope Leo XIII asserted often what Pius IX declared, that it was impossible for him to accept the position the Italian Government had created for him in Rome, and these were solemn words. Rome has belonged to the Popes since the fall of the Roman Empire, and two thousand years gives them a prescriptive and legal right, which no revolution can upset. Till the Italian Government forces the Pope out he will never go. Of course, if they were to storm the Vatican he might be obliged

"And is it likely that the Italian Government will resort to force? "Judging from the menaces of the revolutionists they may go that length. They have already declared the Vatican and amenable to all the Italian laws.

"Is this likely to occur soon?"
"Who can tell? We hope not.
Things may last for another twenty-one The present Government, I believe, has no intention of driving things to extremes.

"How do the Italians feel towards the Pope?" That is very difficult to gather. The Italians are not allowed to speak or to hold public meetings in detence of the Pope. Anybody who protests against the position of the Pope as unworthy of imagined to be against the institutions doned Secularism, in the profession of imagines they are prescriptive at all subject has been placed in a changed will thus be seen that Signor Crispi is and faithful services, he said he remember to 97-80 Catholics and 17 Protestants

tered throughout the world, and that same manner as any other disease. mission is divine, and to exercise that mission he requires independence. The Italians have no more right to expel the Pope from Rome than any other nation. have preached and written time and

The state of parties in Ireland is not so satisfactory as the friends of the old the unfortunate occurrences took place which led to the split in the ranks of the cause of Home Rule in America wisely refrained from taking sides in a fratricidal issue. The Parnellites and the Pamellite forces waged a fierce war, and those far removed from the scene of their disputes and recriminations felt that the enemy would triumph, whilst those who should be as one brotherhood were seeking to destroy each other. Then comes the startling intelligence that the great leader, Parnell, was dead, and, whilst all mourned, there was a general expression of hope that over the grave compact of union would be formed, all causes of difference sunk, and the friends of Ireland rally as one man to secure the rights for which such sacrifices had been made in the past. For the time being, all such hopes appear to be frustrated. To what extent the evil may be carried it is impossible now to say. The Irish in Canada and the United States, always so lavish in their generosity when the cause of fatherland is at stake, look on in amazement at the wretched folly of those who in the name of patriotism, and unwarrantably assuming the prestige of the late leader, now seek to perpetuate a strife which can have no other result than to wreck the Home Rule cause Amongst the Parliamentary majority, Mr. T. M. Healy is the only one whose ing in self-control for years back, and the first outburst of grief over for the death lowers will realize that those who seek oncordia salus.

A STRANGE DOCTRINE.

A great deal of surprise has been caused in England by one of the most eminent physicians of the day, Dr. Mortimer Grenville, coming out as an apologist for drinking. He boldly asserted that so for from it being an evil it was found that those who drink, even to excess, live longer and are less liable to the "ills desh is heir to" than the teninerance men. As might be expected this strange declaration has met with a very decided repudiation at the hands of a large number of trary of Dr. Grenville's contention. He as compared with these of non-abstainers,

events. If the Pope were a mere tem- position within the past few years. The not at all troubled about vested rights or bered the first time he had met Ni. events. If the Pope were a mere tem- position within the pass ion years, and ancient and time-honored privileges. He Curran, in a political way, in 1857, and poral sovereign the force that has been consideration of grunschines in the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds to deal with the history of referred to the great services he had represent the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceed the proceeds the proceeds the proceeds

MISAPPREHENSION.

The Witness of Oct. [27th has the following:-

I have preached and written time and again about the wrongs of the Pope." concluded Monsignor o'Bryen, as the reporter rose to leave, "and I was asked to preach here about his position, but did not care to."

But allowing for exaggeration and time generally untrustworthiness of such despatches, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that the Pope may be forced to leave Rome. The bitter hostility to the Holy See exhibited by the Roman Government has received new proof, if it was needed, from an article in the current number of the North American Review, from the pen of Signor Crispi. If the sentiments therein contained are pushed to their natural end it is clear that the Holy Father may, as has been suggested, be forced out of Rome. But, be it as it may, the restoration of his position in his own patrimony can only be a question of time, and, possibly, a forced departure from the Eternal City, and temporary absence, would expedite the restoration of the Pope to his own again.

The Hitness of Oct. §27th has the Isolowing:—

One asks whether Mgr O'Bryen is entirely guorant of history or whether he counts upon the power of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing or history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing or history or whether Mgr Offerent Saw whether the guident and a white history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing of history or whether he counts upon the providing or history or whether he counts upon the providing or history or the people. This

We do not at all wonder that Monsignor O'Bryen's denunciation of State land had reason to hope for. When Churchism passes the Witness's comprehension. It is a question of First Prinman's immortal soul.

ele, a misapprehension of facts. It is dore and shuttlecock with France ever thy of them, and we hope in the course not true that the "Roman Church" has since. Small marvel is it that, with such of the coming year, with the kind assistever taught that governments must force a happy family to deal with, the Catholic ance of our friends, that we shall be able the Roman Catholic religion upon here. Church has not been able completely to to send to thousands of our Catholic ditary hereties. The very name of the leaven the mass of secthing corruption. children THE SUNDEAM weekly instead of Roman States before the Italian usur | However, it may be well to remind the monthly. Enclosed in the sample copy nation shows that these provinces were Witness that French Protestants would will be found subscribers' forms, which the property of the Church-the "States smile at the ignorant bigotry so compla- we trust will be filled up at once. The of the Church,"-and therefore that the cently displayed in its columns. Frey- need of a paper for children, who live in Church was not an instrument in the hands of the State.

been her severity, was far less "bloody" of his blindness, and, thanks to Freycithan her wife-killing father and her net, a French Protestant, Lasserre washed persecuting, illegitimate balf-sister Eliza- his eyes, saw, and told his cure in 180 beth.

Would the Witness kindly point out The Irish people have had good school- tholomew, an article which proves that the Church had nothing to do with this garding the resignation of the Hon. Mr.

massacre under Charles the Ninth? of the Universal Church.

must stamp as efficiency what is merely a most just and reasonable claim.

ITALY.

Ex-Prime Minister Crispi, in the No-One in particular, from the noted Dr. to the ex-Prime Minister, is a conspira- effect that in the event of the resignaat to a great extent in spite of their own one after another, drove the Pope from lean, and he would accept a portfolio. the human frame and physiological temporal power. That would evidently expect to replace a French Canadian?" science. Again, the lives of abstainers, not suit, Signor Crispi's purpose. It would never do to go back to the days usual sphere. The best answer to the have afforded confirmatory evidence, of Pepin, Le Bref or Charlemagne, and statement that Mr. Curran has always Statistics of benefit societies, Dr. Carpen- investigate the titles of the Holy Fa- been an enemy of Mr. Chaplean will be ter points out, show that even moderate ther, nor the motives of profound Chris found in the following extract from a drinkers, "sober men," are beaten in the tian statesmanship that inspired the short speech delivered by the Secretary race of life and health by the total ab- founder of the Pope's temporal domain. of State at the Temple Building, on the stainer. Their health is better and their He disdainfully glances at the early his-occasion of Mr. Curran's acceptance of lives longer. It would seem, in fact, that tory of that formation, and states that the canditure for Montreal Centre, in Dr. Grenville had set up a man of straw it does not answer his present purpose to February last. Hon. Mr. Chapleau, rein order to draw fire to destroy it. If narrate all the things that have happened ferring to his own illness at that period. such was his object he has certainly suc- from the fourth century of the Christian said:—" If there was one thing that ceeded to perfection. His idol has been era down to our times. Italy in 1815 is could revive him, it was the enthusiasm riddled and torn to tragments. There is as far back as he will deign to look for with which they had applauded the no need for bigotry or fanaticism in the the purpose of discussing the pristine nomination of his old friend, Mr. Cur-

him, but he is the head of the Church, matter of hygiant services ne had renhe rules over millions of people, scatelse and has to beltreated in precisely the
draws a comparison alterether favorable a capilidate for the first time. draws a comparison altogether favorable a candidate for the first time, and which to the Italian Government with refer- he had represented ever since. He conence to its mode of dealing with the cluded his remarks as follows:-The Holy Father. The fate of Napoleon, Government has chosen this time to ask who laid sacrilegious hands on the head the opinion of the people, and you canof the Church, does not appear to strike not have in Parliament a more eloquent Signor Crispi, but to the student of his- tongue to give expression to your opitory, the conqueror of the world, spend- nions and those of the people than my ing the last days of his life on the rock of old friend Curran, whom I am sure you St. Helena, and explating there the out- will elect by an overwhelming majority. rages he had perpetrated on the Sovereign There is no need of any such testimony Pontiff, offers food for reflection. Signor on behalf of Mr. Curran, whose fault has Crispi, in the paper before us. has not been to look too much after the interests yet reached the point that is of most in- of others, and too little after his own. It terest to the reader. He has only com- is well, however, to have such evidence menced to deal with Count Cavour's when mischief-makers are at work. Mr. policy, and the public must be content Curran has fairly carned his political to await his further contribution be- promotion by long years of service. His fore being favored with the actuali claims in no way conflict with those of ties of the situation in which His Holi- the Hon. Mr. Chaplean, and the friends ness is now placed, from the point of of the latter are doing him a poor serview of the late Prime Minister of the vice by making it appear that there is Italian Government. When the next enmity between him and the member part of the article appears, we shall en- for Montreal Centre, far beyond the deavor to lay a summary of its contents limits of which Mr. Curran has many before our readers, and give a brief ap- and powerful adherents. reciation of its pretensions.

PROTESTANTS IN FRANCE.

On reading the Witness reporter's interview with the Rev. Daniel Conssirat, a Presbyterian, who says that "the Protestant spirit prevails in France not only be published by THE TRUE WITNESS in society but in the Government of the country," we could not help exclaiming, diocese. The object of THE SURREAM ciples, in which, still more than in "What an avowal!" French societythe Parliamentary party, the friends of deductions from those principles, Catho- not that large fraction of it which is of pernicious literature, so widely circus lies differ from Protestants. Wherever practically Catholic, and, therefore, there has been union between any State truly virtuous, but the only portion vent of The Susbeam will, we feel cerand the Catholic Church, the latter has of French society which the Rev. tain, be welcomed by Catholic parents always upheld her right to guide the Daniel Conssirat can know of-is, as the filling of a long-felt want. The State in spiritual matters. On the con- perhaps, the most immoral congeries in SUNBEAM will be the only paper of its trary, wherever Protestantism has be the civilized world; the French Governcome the State Church, it has shown ment is one of the most irreligious Gov- support of every Catholic family amongst itself to be, with more or less circumles eruments on the face of the earth; and us in the good work, by showing the cution and feeble protest, the humble lo! anstere, long-faced, psalm-singing paper to their friends and their children servant of the State; and this is pre- Protestantism claims both as its own crecisely what Mgr. O'Bryen denounced -- ation. And rightly so: for Protestantism We have the approbation of His Grace the manufacture of religious opinious begat Jansenism, and Jansenism begat Archbishop Fabre, and we hope to obtain by Royal Supremacy, the absurdity of Philosophism, and Philosophism begat the active aid of the Reverend Clergy of the departed statesman and patriot a temporal rulers, who have received no French Masonry, and French Masonry conducting Sunday classes in the Domimission to teach the truth, educating bogat, first, the Revolution of 1789, and nion in the distribution of the paper to - afterwards the Terror of 1799-two spoilt their children. It will be our aim to But there is also, in the Witness's arti | children who have been playing battle- give our young subscribers a paper wor-

cinet is the man who advised Henri a little world of their own, is self-evident. Lasserre to use the water of Lourdes and and its appearance will fill a blank in Queen Mary, however great may have to pray to our Lady of Lourdes for a cure our literary world. editions of his Notre Dame de Lourdes.

Chapleau Secretary of State in the Do-It is false, utterly false and ridiculous, minion Government. The alleged cause the gifted Irishman who represents to pretend that the Pepe's claim to tem- of such action on the part of the Minis- Montreal Centre in the Dominion Parliaporal power is "but a claim to enforce ter is the refusal of the Premier to assign Roman Catholicism by law." It is sim- to him the portfolio of Railways and ply a claim for the freedom of the Ruler Canals. To resign from a Government for such a reason would be unparalleled And yet, after all, the Witness's indig- in the history of constitutional governnation is very pardonable. It has not ment, and we can scarcely believe that the first notion of the one true Church, such is the cause of Mr. Chapleau's and so the poor thing must wax wrathy action. Should be resign from the Gov when the true Church asserts itself, and ernment, it will be on some question of public policy, and it must be a ruse of the enemy to make him appear in the rob assigned to him. The Montreal Gazette of yesterday morning gave an authoritative denial to the rumor of the Opposition press, that the resignation cember number of the North American had been sent in to Premier Abbott. In Review, has given the first part of his the meantime, the party organs are busy article on Italy and the Pope. As might | endeavoring to make trouble amongst be expected from a man of his antece- the Ministerial party. Le Canadien and dents, his strictures on His Holiness are L'Evenement, of Quebec, give currency the leaders of the medical profession, far from friendly. The Pope, according to all kinds of rumors. One is to the Carpenter, has fully established the con- tor, his palace is the home of a nest of tion of Mr. Chapleau, no French Canaconspirators, and the presence of the dian member, from the district of Montpoints out that the conviction of the Pontifical Court in Rome is a constant real will consent to accept a place in the medical men of the day that the use of menace to the State. He reviews the Cabinet. Le Canadien adds: "Mr. Curran liquors is detrimental has been arrived various revolutionary movements which, has always been an enemy of Mr. Chapprevious opinions. The causes for this the capital of the Christian world. He That would lead to a general revolt change in opinion has been the increased plainly states that he will not discuss the amongst the members, and Mr. Curran is knowledge of the action of alcohol on question of the establishment of the Irish. That means that he could not

Mr. Tarte is evidently at work in his

"THE SUNBEAM."

In next week's number of THE TRUE WITNESS our subscribers will receive a sample copy of THE SUNBEAM, a monthly illustrated childrens paper, which will under the supervision of a priest of the will be to counteract the evil influence lated throughout the country. The adkind in Canada, and should receive the and saying a good word in its behalf.

The following graceful tribute to Mr. Curran, M.P. for Montreal Centre. appears in the editorial columns of an esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Review, of Toronto:-

"The Montreal Gazette, in a late editorial, speaking of the appointment to the Superior Court Bench of Quebec of Mr. C. J. Doherty, of that city,—a posipress, there are all kinds of rumors re- tion which, by the way, there is every reason to believe was first tendered to Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., and by him ment, and whose name is as well known and bonored in Ontario as it is in Quebec — inferentially hinting, in the paragraph, that a seat in the Dominion Cabinet would be soon offered to him. To none more fitting, as this journal has often before said, could this honor be conferred and none would meet with greater approval from the ranks of Catholics generally throughout the Dominion, or prove a source of greater strength to the administration. trust that the promised reconstruction of the Cabinet will see our hopes realized, and Mr. Curran placed in the position for which his talents and long Parlia-mentary experience eminently fit him. The Gazette's tribute to Judge Doherty and Mr. Curran-both Catholic gentle

men—is as follows:
"It is understood that the appointment of Mr C. J. Doherty to the Superior Court Bench has actually been made. Judge Doherty is a young man to fill so high a post, but those who have followed his career at the Bar will have no doubt as to his fitness for his new duties. He ascends the bench fresh from an nctive practice at the Bar, in the full vigor of manhood, with a well won reputation as an able and careful lawyer. In this connection, also, it is satisfactory to Montrealers to know that Mr. Curran, whose name has been spoken of asbeing offered the vacancy, is to remain in Parliament as a representative of the city. Montreal never had a more hard working or useful representative than Centre division, the member for the whose reputation extends far beyond the limits of his own province. There will be many who will unite in the hope that ere long his services to his party as well as his ability and character will be rewarded with promotion in another sphere."

The Papal Election.

The Papel Flection.

The Brussels Courier publishes a decrealleged to have been issued by the late Pope Plus IX, with reference to future condaves. The decree confirms the exclusive right of the cardinals to elect a Pope free from any intervention on the part of the powers. It also declures that the cardinals in Rome at the lime of the death of a Pope ought to decide whether of the election of a new Pope should take place to unside of Italy, and that if any attempt should be made to interfere with a conclave it should be transferred beyond Italy.

The Mortality of The City. Last week the mortality of Montreal amount