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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1 1904

AN ONSLAUGHT AGAINST SIR WILFRID.

Wilfrid Laurier's consistent and perfectly fearless reiteration of sympathy with Home Rule for Ireland, and his subscription to the cause upon the occasion of Mr. T. P. O'Connor's visit, have been followed by a furious onslaught against him by the London Times and other organs of English Tory ascendency. The Times is troubled for the con solidation of the empire on Sir Wilfrid's account. Why? Because the Canadian Premier says that every good Canadian is a Rome Ruler. The Tory critics cry out in unison that it is not the business of Colonial Premiers to have views on Home Rule or to express these views Alas! for the old ascendency that "Thunderer" cannot thunder Colonial statesmen into silence. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said exactly what the Parliament of Canada has again and again declared and what the Parliament of the Australian Commonwealth and the premiers of the Australian states have as often repeated. If The Times stands for the general principle of Colonial Preference it cannot muzzle the colonies or abuse Colonial statesmen when they express their preference for Home Rule. And according to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's estimate, every good Canadian takes the Colonial Preference platform for the removal of Ireland's grievances. From every platform upon which Mr. T. P. O'Connor has stood in Canada the conviction of the people of the Dominion has been recorded that Home Rule for Ireland would be in the interests of the empire; and surely mere colonists have as good a right to say this as to say that the Reform of the present British tariff would or would not benefit the cause of Imperial unity. When you sift down the motives of the attack upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier all that the prescribed preliminaries, Newremains is the traditional hatred of Torvism towards the cause and the leaders of Liberalism in the broad and true sense of the word.

NEWMAN'S MEMORIAL.

The memorial church erected by the Catholics of England to the memory of the late Cardinal Newman has been selemnly opened at Edgbaston, Birmingham. The Archbishop of Westminster, who delivered the address upon the life and influence of the great Cardinal, said he was a witness at once of the necessity and supremacy of the Catholic Faith. He and in a fresh setting which would themes. be acceptable to the Englishman of his day. No voice had fallen on English ears so persuasively as his. He had gained a hearing for the Catholic Church in places where no one else could have obtained audiand he had broken down prejudices that were deep-rooted and enturies old. The Catholic Church had a different position now to the

and preached and written. Yet Archhishon Rourne added that Newman's work was a hidden and silent one, and that for the most part his task was with individual souls who, in their turn carried his influence to others among whom they lived, with gatherings of men not large in number to whom he imparted the long meditated and carefully expressed thoughts of his own heart, and with the greater world of those who necessarily few in comparison with the multitude, are attracted by his Truth.

His Grace read the following unpublished letter written by Cardinal Newman on June 13, 1848, to the Archbishop's father, who had been disquieted by persistent rumors that Cardinal Newman was dissatisfied as a Catholic and was contemplating a return to the Established Church: "I return an immediate, though ne cessarily hasty, answer to your in quiry which made me more than It is wonderful that people smile. can satisfy themselves with rumor which the slightest examination or even attention would disprove; have had experience of it long before I was a Catholic. At present the very persons who saw through and reprobated the evangelical misrepresentations concerning me when was in the Church of England be lieve of some things quite as extravagant and as unfounded. Their experience of past years has taugh them nothing. I can only say, if it is necessary to say it, that from the moment I became a Catholic I never have had, through God's grace, a single doubt or misgiving on my mind that I did wrong in becoming a Catholic. I have not had any feeling but one of joy and gratitude

that God called me out of an inse cure state into one which is sure and safe, out of the war of tongues into a realm of peace and assurance I shrink to contemplate the guilt I should have incurred and the count which at the last day would have lain against me had I not become a Catholic, and it pierces me to the heart to think that so many excellent persons should still be kept in bondage in the Church of England, and should among the many good points they have want the great grace of faith to tree God and follow His leadings. This is my state of mind, and I would it could be brought home to all and every one who in default of real arguments for remaining Anglicans amuse them-

selves with dreams and fancies." In connection with the ceremony at Birmingham it is interesting to recall that the Passionist Father Dominic, who received Newman into the fold, was an Italian, and he wrote at the time an interesting account of the incident.

"I arrived in Oxford, sodden with rain, a few hours before midnight. I went to Littlemore, and while I was drying myself before the fire I turned round, and what was my surprise at seeing Mr. Newman kneeling before me begging me to hear his confession and receive him into the Catholic Church." man made his profession of faith and was duly received into the Catholic Church at six o'clock on the evening of October 9th, 1845.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Pope has congratulated the General of the Irish Christian Brothers upon the society's successful work of education

Dr. Kells Ingram, the author of "Who Fears to Speak of '98," has been succeeded as Vice Provost of was raised up to convey the old Trinity College, Dublin, by an auunchanging message in new words thor of some fame on religious

> Among recent private audiences accorded by the Pope were Mgr. Grouard, Vicar Apostolic of Athabasca; Mgr. Breynat, Vicar Apostolic of Mackenzie, and Mgr. Dontenwill, of Vancouver.

Projectant divine who gave a boom to Spiritualism, has lost \$5000 to the popular London entertainer, Mr. Best outside help is, evidently, no

vellous manife Archdeacon had claimed for Spirit-

intend to move a resolution asking for a removal of the statue of Oliver Cromwell erected in the precincts of

House of Commons at the instance of Lord Rosebery.

Hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me?

I cry to you with all earnestness to

clear, calm, dispassionate but at the of England have made a presentation which is your power, for God's same time intensely sensitive and to Right Rev. Dr. Johnson, Vicar personal presentment of Divine General of the Archdiocese of Westminster, to mark his elevation to the See of Arindela

> Whatever errors Mr. Goldwin Smith may be making in other diat Fakenham. rections, he is giving the English public the truth with regard to Canadian interest in tariff reform The Canadian manufacturers are making bold claims, but the impartial balance is struck against them by the critics who agree with Mr. Goldwin Smith.

Hon. W. Kidston. Premier of Queensland, has written a letter to the Chairman of a Home Rule meeting at Brishane declaring the "sym pathy he has always felt for the cause of Home Rule for Ireland." He states his belief in the determination of the present Imperial Government to make its term of office memorable by restoring to Ireland those rights of self-government of which she should never have been deprived."

Miss Anna Parnell, sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, is at present in Ireland after an absence of fifteen years. She always had an intense love of country, and when a young girl she took hold of the bridle of Lord Spencer's horse in a Dublin street and asked him why he permitted poor peasants in the west of Ireland to be thrown upon the roadside. Her sister, Miss Fanny Parnell, was the author of the poem containing the well-remem bered and beautiful lines, "Shall mine eyes behold thy glory, oh my country?"

The clause in the will of the late Mrs. Craigie providing for the cremation of her remains has attracted a good deal of attention since, as is well known, the practice of cremation is contrary to the teaching secretaries to Archbishop Bourne, when interviewed on the subject. said-"I can only assume that Mrs. Craigie, who was a convert to the looked the Church's objection cremation. Cremation is calculated to destroy a belief in the resurrection, and it is even said that some mated in order to demonstrate that they have no belief in the resurrection. The Church considers cremation a dangerous practice, and for- Masses daily, as some 228,000 bids it absolutely." Mrs. Craigie's said in the course of the year. Pribody, it should be mentioned, was marily founded to aid forsaken souls, not cremated, her relatives having all those suffering in the prison hurch's injunction but to abandon the carrying out of her wish in this

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ance of poor, struggling Priests. May
I not hope that they will, too, cast
a sympathetic and pitying eye upon
It is denied in English exchanges me in my struggle to establish an
that the Catholic Radical members outpost of the Catholir Faith in this cerned-barren region? May I not The Catholic clergy and laity CAN DO LITTLE Do that little not be able to do much; but you tablish this new Mission firmly. DON'T TURN A DEAF EAR TO MY URGENT APPEAL.

> "May God bless and prosper your endeavors in establishing

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P.S.-I will gratefully and prompt. ly acknowledge the smallest dona tion, and send with my acknowledge cred Heart.

This new Mission will be dedica to St. Anthony of Padua.



AN EFFICACIOUS MEANS OF HELPING THE DEAD. Now that the month of the Holy

Souls is come, it is well to o mind the various means which is readily accessible to all to become a member or to enroll de parted relatives or friends in the 'Expiatory Work," (L'œuvre piatoire), established in the basilics of Orae Montligeon, at Orne, France This association has received, more than one occasion, the appro bation of the late Pontiff, Leo XIII, who raised it to the rank of archconfraternity, desiring, as he said, to "give it a solemn and special pledge of favor and also a recompense proportioned to its merits ' This approbation has been fully conof the Catholic Church. One of the firmed by the present Pope, Pius X, and letters of encouragement been received from a nundred bishops numberless priests have become as sociates in the various countries of the world into which the work has Church a few years ago, had over- so rapidly spread, the priests offer ing one or more of their masses and obtaining the favor of a privileged altar. The conditions of admiss are to have the name enrolled the register of Montligeon and people order their bodies to be cre- pay one cent annually, or one dollar in perpetuity, that is to say, until the person so subscribing has been delivered from Purgatory. The sociates have a share in about 600 God's justice have a share in this immense treasure of Masses and in the prayers, stations and services of various kinds at the Basilica. addition to the numerous indulgence with which the confraternity has been enriched. Those who desire to become members, to enroll themselves and their deceased friends, for one, two, five, ten or more years send the small offering required, one cent for each year, to Monseigneur Paul Buguet, La Chapelle Montli-geon, Orne, France. For greater convenience several in a neighborhood may band together in sendin their offerings and a postal or express order is the safest means o

transmission. ANNA T. SADLIER. Ottawa, Oct. 24, 1906.

Charles Lever.

The centenary of the birth Charles Lever has elicited many a preciations of his genius as a novist. It has not, however, been called that one of Charles Level novels, "The Knight of Gwynne,"

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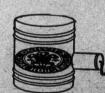
ried, was, in 1893, the subject of a sensational Parliamentary incident.
The present Earl of Selbourne, who

is now High Commissioner in South Africa at a salary of \$55,000 annum, and was appointed on the ent to such a valuable berth his first cousin, Balfour, made speech, as Viscount Wolmer and Whip of the Liberal Unionist Party, at a banquet, in which he described the ment as men of the type of the bribed members of the Irish House Commons depicted in Lever's novel, "The Knight of Gwynne." speech was immediately brought before the notice of the House of Com mons by Mr. Sexton as a flagran breach of privilege, and Lord oourne was heard in his own ence, and, standing up in his place in the House of Commons, made an

Charles Lever was, by the way, himself in the later years of his life an ardent Home Ruler. The late Prof. Galbraith, at the Home Rule Conference in 1873, produced proof of an article written by Lever "Blackwood's Magazine." which the editor of that magazine thought it more prudent not to publish, lute accord with the demand for the restoration of the Irish Parliament Prof. Galbraith told his audience that the suppressed article came into his possession by the desire of Chartell you this-that in many private conversations with my respected and revered friend, Charles Lever, I found he was thoroughly with His opinion was worth something, as there were very few men of his time who had a larger or more varied experience of life, not only in this country, but on the whole Continent of E

Cardinal Merry Bel Val Spends Enjoyable Holiday

The extraordinary spectacle Cardinal Merry del Val picnick with the students of the American Ecclesiastical College, near Castelandolfo, where he was spending his holidays, was seen recently. Cardinal derry del Val apparently enjoys the society of the American student more than anyone else, and on every possible occasion he invites them to be his guests. The other day took the whole college on a picnic



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auched and frolicked like so many school boys. Some walked up the nountain and others rode on donstout boots, carried an alpenstock and had his robe rolled up around his waist and tucked into his sash. his waist and tucked into his sash. The students sang popular melo-dies, their illustrious host joining lustily in the chorus. The party had their lunch, which they had car-ried in baskets to the mountain-top. After lunch they engaged in games, such as ball, three-legged race, and so on, Cardinal Merry del Vel acting as umpire and cheering loudly when any particularly clever feat was per-formed by a student. Half way

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