

Catholic Questions in Ireland, England and Scotland.

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES RECEIVED BY LATEST MAIL.

The Irish Hierarchy Pastoral.

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intending to deny that there may sometimes be reasonable grounds for a parent's objection to the Catholic school, or his wish to send his child to a non-Catholic one.

Turning to the question of technical education, the bishops welcome the recent act, urging its careful use, and pointing out certain dangers to be avoided.

With a touching care the bishops turn from the encouraging spectacle of past achievements and present promise to the possible dangers that may destroy the future.

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Catholics in Non-Catholic Schools.

In the course of an able and exhaustive letter on the subject of attendance of Catholic children at non-Catholic schools, His Lordship the Bishop of Newport says:—

To attend a non-Catholic school constitutes a grave and proximate danger to faith, and that, therefore, it is a grave sin for any parent to send his child to such a school, except when, first, there is no other suitable school, and, secondly, unless such precautions are taken as to make the danger remote.

To speak first of elementary schools; we often meet with parents who object to send their children to the Catholic school on account of certain features which they dislike, or who prefer non-Catholic schools on account of certain advantages.

Catholic Education.

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ed into a minute examination of what is meant by Universal School Boards, as advocated by the "Manchester Guardian." He showed how Catholic schools, built by Catholics at their own cost, could be taken out of their hands, how the priests and Catholic managers could get notice to quit, how they would eventually pass into Protestant management and control, the Catholic teachers be expelled (religion included), that persons of no religion or any religion would be placed in charge, that the appointments of teachers and selection of books would be made by Protestants, and that thus the Catholic schools would disappear from the kingdom and Catholic parents would have no choice of schools, and would be obliged to send their children after all the sacrifices into Board schools.

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The Archbishop of Glasgow to His Flock.

The following very important letter from His Grace the Archbishop of Glasgow was read in all the churches in his archdiocese on Sunday last.

Rev. Dear Sir,—In view of the general election which is about to take place you will be good enough to read this letter to your congregation at the principal Mass on Sunday, the 28th inst., and to explain at the same time two special reforms which are urgently called for, and which might well be dealt with by the new Parliament.

These are:—1. The provision for the Catholics of Ireland of a university which they could make use of without conscientious objections, so that they may have what is given to Protestants by Trinity College, Dublin. It is well known that nothing more than this is asked for by our fellow-Catholics in Ireland, and that the delay in granting so reasonable a request is a distinct violation of their rights as citizens and taxpayers.

and ratepayers. It is also a departure from the understanding on which Government by majority is based, viz., that the just claims of minorities be respected.

It would be well to suggest to your congregation that they should carefully consider the above points when weighing the claims of candidates for their votes.

We would therefore recommend our people to urge on the attention of Parliamentary candidates the need for:— 1. Provision for the establishment in Ireland of a university acceptable to the majority of the Irish people, as the Protestant minority is already amply provided for.

Such measures are not only to be desired by Catholics, but should be favored by all who have at heart those higher interests of the whole country that are far above mere party questions. Every man who aims at peace and unity among his fellow-citizens should be anxious to remove grievances and to protect rights, to put an end to the injustice by which in Ireland a minority enjoys privileges denied to the majority, and in Scotland a majority denies to the minority equality of treatment.

Briefs From Scotland.

LATE FATHER HUGHES.—The parishioners of Longloan, wishing to commemorate the life work of Father Hughes amongst them, wished to have a statue erected in the church to his memory.

THE LITTLE SISTERS.—It is the rule of the Glasgow Corporation to allow charitable and philanthropic institutions a certain amount of water free of charge.

GOLDEN JUBILEE.—St. Patrick's parish, Glasgow, celebrates its golden jubilee on the 25th November. It is proposed to hold it by both religious and secular demonstrations.

The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past. This is what a fagged out, tearful little woman said in telling her cares and weaknesses.

The little woman now has tears of joy, for she took Hood's, which put her blood in prime order, and she lives on the strength of the present instead of worrying about that of the past.

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