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THE READER'S CORNER

CONDUCTED BY "COLUMBA"
The British General Election is over and gone, leaving the Parties where it found them. The only apparent difference is that the Labour Party came back stronger and the Irish Nationalists have added two to their number.

It must puzzle those of my readers who depend for their Irish news upon the cables of the Associated Press, it must puzzle them to read that in this momentous epoch in her history disunion should be rife in the Irish National camp. But you may take Columba's word for it, dear reader, Ireland knows her own mind, knows what she wants, and will get it.

O'Brien holds his seat in Cork City entirely by the Tory vote. The weak Redmond, who supported O'Brien, if only he had no mandate to break up the constitution at the bidding of a leader whose power in Ireland was waning.

"The men of earth, after living first for war, and later for gallant, now live for money." — George Raftanovich in "The Equinox."

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

The annual Communion day of the Catholic Young Men's Union was the Sunday within the octave of the patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The sermon, an inspiring discourse, was delivered by Rev. Terry Conroy, C. M. of St. Vincent's Seminary, Georgetown, whose theme was "The Mission of the Catholic Young Man."

The present occasion is extremely auspicious, marking as it does the progress of your noble organization in emphasizing the spirit of the age.

The Word made flesh came to restore the rebellious world to His Father's dominion. To accomplish this He taught by word and example and sacrificed Himself "even unto the death of the cross."

inspiration to do great things for the furthering of Christ's interests in the souls of their fellow-men.

It is a far-off call from that olden mountain and that olden time; but it is sounding clear and strong to-night in this modern place and in the hearing of modern men. Its Ring is iron and sounds a glorious mission to you Catholic young men of the twentieth century.

So long as you are true to your Catholic character and honest with God you will be fit leaders in the world. Your light will shine and men will follow when they see the path bright and know that it leads to God.

How truly deplorable is sacrifice of principle! Yet how little is the heart considered when there is question of education and culture! Even great institutions of learning, world-famed universities whose names are hallowed in their utterance, whose avowed purpose is to build young men into the character of leadership, fall utterly in this essential, and their failure sounds the downfall of millions.

"When you read a biography remember that the truth is never fit for publication."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

One's reading is usually a fair index to his character. Observe in almost any home you visit, the books that lie on the counterpane, or note those that are taken by preference from the public library, and you may judge, in no small degree, not only there is a mind like a book, but also—and what is of far deeper moment—their moral attainments and spiritual advancement.

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THE BASIS OF SOCIETY

To the pages of the Jesuit's publication Etudes (Paris), Joseph Ferchat contributes a paper dealing with the work of a French writer, Henri Bordeaux, whose novels, the reviewer implicitly declares, possess all the power of a regenerating influence in France at the present moment, and as such are commendable as exemplars to all writers who desire to see the forces of Satan beaten in the assault they are making upon the strongholds of Christian society.

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TWO GOLDEN DOORS

Out of the present, hard and sordid sometimes, open two golden doors. And one who learns to make use of these swinging doors, can carry an untroubled brow at a light heart through work and anxiety.

DOMESTIC GIRL IS HAPPY

The girl whose sphere is set in domesticity can find as keen a satisfaction in doing her work to the very best of her ability as can her sister who achieves college honors or fame in the literary world. Indeed, there is something peculiarly satisfying and fine and healthy about work with the hands, because we lose the key which opens the doors of gold.—Exchange.

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WHAT WE MUST

He was a very small boy, and when he was told that he had to rub the blocks and playthings he had so lavishly scattered over the room before he wandered off to seek amusement elsewhere, he suddenly became very tired, although too tired to rub, he made it his duty to do so.

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