

BISMARCKISM DEFUNCT.

Bismark was victorious at Sedawa, triumphant at Sedan. In six weeks he humbled Austria, in six months he vanquished France. He checked Austrian control in German affairs, he annihilated French imperialism, and for the time destroyed French influence in continental politics.

Under his talismanic power the German States were in a few months consolidated into a powerful confederacy; Italy fused into one State. The spring of 1870 saw this remarkable man at the head of European politics. For a great statesman in such a position a glorious task presented itself for speedy and in some respects easy accomplishment.

At home a task of reform; abroad a task of justice and conciliation. But Bismark is not a great statesman, and when intoxicated with the pride of success degenerated into a bigot, a partisan, a demagogue. In 1870 he might have, and should have, devoted himself to internal reform.

with France and Austria, he had lost in his contest with the Church. He has been humiliated, humiliated as no statesman—not even excepting Pitt—by the reversal of his most cherished purposes. He sought the destruction of Catholicism, but in seeking to compass that end built up and promoted socialism. The bishops are now to return to their sees and the priests to their parishes. Old Catholicism has been buried without the rites of the Church. Bismarkism has failed.

THE FREE PRESS AND IRISH-PROBIA.

More than four-fifths of the population of Ireland are Roman Catholics, the vast majority of whom are tenant farmers and tillers of the soil. These people, of themselves, were powerless against the landlordism by which they were oppressed, and of which for years they have been the victims.

The Irish are, however, an integral part of the British Empire, and have representatives in the British Parliament, one of whom happens to be Mr. Parnell, a magistrate for the county which he represents, and a gentleman of good social position. Now, Mr. Parnell, as such representative of an Irish constituency, has brought this question as to the relationship of landlord and tenant before Parliament, and as no attention was paid to the matter, Mr. Parnell has been agitating the question amongst the people who are most interested in the solution of the difficulty.

For adopting this inalienable right of every British subject of agitating for the amelioration of the condition of the people whose representative he is, and to secure, if possible, a removal of the grievances of which they have just reason to complain, Mr. Parnell and the Irish people have been attacked by the Free Press of this city with a viciousness which is only equalled by its ignorance of the people whom it was attacking, and the subject of which it was treating.

dered and maligned him, and impugned his motives just as it is doing for Parnell now.

What is Mr. Parnell doing? He is trying to get cheap rent for the Irish farmers; and this our contemporary calls encouraging the people to acts of dishonesty. Hear what it says:

"This advice not only went to encourage the rabble assembled in thousands to listen to his harangues to break the laws, but the same violation of the laws pointed to acts of dishonesty first, to be followed by robbery as the next step."

This is rather strong language even for our contemporary to make use of, and it is as unjustifiable as it is strong. The rents in Ireland are kept up at the highest figure to enable the landlord to pay interest on the mortgages by which so many estates are encumbered, and also to gratify a desire they have of spending every copper they can squeeze from their tenants, away from the country which supports them.

Mr. Mundella, the member of Parliament for Sheffield, in a recent speech "was strong on the need of a reform in the land-laws, all over the kingdom, and narrated the experience of one baronet, who, with a rent-roll of \$40,000 a year, finds his estate so encumbered with mortgages at 3 1/2 per cent. interest, doweries and portions to younger sons, that he gets a very poor income from 1 1/2 and 2 per cent. rentals. He wanted to sell half his land, in order to get in a position to live off the other half, but he was so tied up by entails and other restrictions that he couldn't sell an acre. These great estates would fall rapidly in price if the law would only let them."

It is the state of affairs pointed out by Mr. Mundella which renders it so difficult for the tenant farmers even to exist in Ireland, and the great estates are kept up only by taking every shilling which can be squeezed from the tenant holders.

Where is the dishonesty in advocating for such an equitable adjustment of the relations between the landlord and tenant as will enable the latter to at least make his living out of the land of which he is the tiller. We fail to see anything savouring of either dishonesty or injustice, but we do not perhaps possess the gift of holding the balance fairly, which is the particular attribute of writers such as cater for the readers of the London Free Press.

LOCAL NEWS.

FIRE IN PETERSVILLE.—A destructive conflagration broke out in the village of Petersville on Tuesday evening, whereby the Lorne Hotel, owned and occupied by Peter Steele, was razed to the ground. The origin of the fire is supposed to be from a defective chimney. There was only a small loss of the house.

McCormick's new building in London East, that resulted seriously for a number of them. It appears that Mr. Yates, Chas. Godbolt, Edward Martin, John Connors, Lew Lombard, and a number of other bricklayers were working on the scaffold at the front of the building, all of them being within four feet of each other. By some means the putlogs gave way with a crash and all the men were precipitated to the ground below, a distance of eighteen or twenty feet. The men were all more or less injured, but none of them fatally.

OBITUARY.—Died, on August the 14th, 1879, at Villa Pisani, near Lucca, Italy, Mariae, Countess Pisani, in the 81st year of her age. The deceased lady, though residing in Italy for nearly forty years, was a native of the County Galway, Ireland. She was distinguished through life for her great talents, sterling principles, and high mental culture, which procured for her the respect and esteem of all who knew her. After a brief illness of only eight days, she breathed her last, with full confidence in the Redeemer, and the hope of a joyful resurrection. She leaves no children, but two sisters, both residing in Windsor, to mourn her loss. May she rest in peace.

REMAINS FOUND.—Yesterday morning, as Mr. James Simpson was ploughing his farm, lot 19, 5th concession of Westminister, he turned up a quantity of bones, which had every appearance of being human. There were a large quantity of skulls, and a vast number of other bones. Old settlers in the district, who recollect when the place was a forest, can give an explanation as to the manner in which the bones came there. They must have been in the ground before the trees were cut. The place may possibly have been the scene of a skirmish in some far-back period.

OUR TRAVELLER.

On my way westward I had many an occasion to feel gratified with having the honor of being connected with a paper that is giving such universal satisfaction to all its readers. After visiting many places and arriving at Bothwell in the morning, I proceeded to the house of the resident pastor. On presenting myself at the door I was received by the genial and friendly Rev. Father McGrath, in whom the publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD will always find a true friend and strong advocate.

Leaving Bothwell and calling at Thamesville and Chatham, the latter place having a large Catholic population, I decided to stop about a week. On Saturday afternoon of the 20th ult., I waited on Rev. Father Williams, pastor of Chatham, informing him of my intended visit and business. He very kindly offered to have the matter brought before his parishioners by announcing at all the Masses on the following Sunday morning the necessity of giving their support to a paper that was so thoroughly Catholic, but not being content with one announcement, he brought the matter again to the minds of his hearers on the following Sunday, in language strong enough to induce the most stubborn to subscribe. I may add here that his timely remarks were not in vain, taking into consideration the number of other papers and periodicals in circulation, and the short time that the RECORD is before the public. In Chatham I secured a long list of names with the prospect on my return in a short time to double the number.

On Monday the annual excursion and picnic under the charge of an efficient committee, took place from Chatham to Sugar Island, below Detroit, on board the Gazelle steamer, a boat built for pleasure excursions. The usual sea sickness prevailed amongst the women, but the Rev. pastor and the committee of management have every reason to feel proud, and the hundreds that attended the excursion went home with a most enjoyable time. The net proceeds foot up about \$500, to be applied to the finishing of a costly residence for the good fathers of Chatham, who have endeared themselves to their parishioners by their unceasing labours and the practice of their charity.

Leaving Chatham, on Saturday, 29th ult., I soon arrived at Windsor, and called on Rev. Father Wagner, producing the necessary certificate of my mission. I received a most friendly welcome, the Rev. father promising me every assistance in his power. Not were his promises forgotten, for at the Masses on Sunday he invited the members of his congregation that could afford to procure for themselves and their families good sound Catholic reading, to banish from their midst all books, papers, &c., that would tend to corrupt the minds of the readers. He recommended them to encourage and subscribe for the CATHOLIC RECORD, a weekly newspaper that had for its object the advancement of our holy religion and the true interests of society.

formed me that he would be most happy to do anything that lay in his power for the circulation of the paper. I beg here to thank those reverend gentlemen and kind friends, who so kindly aided me in my visit west.

BOOK NOTICES.

BRENNAN'S LIFE OF CHRIST.—We always look with interest for each succeeding number of this very valuable and interesting work. When we say that it has been approved by twelve archbishops and forty-three bishops, we say quite enough to recommend it to the good opinion of the Catholic people. Paris 15 and 16 have just been issued. It is published by the enterprising house of Beniger Bros., New York. Send in your orders early.

THE VENERABLE MOTHER BARAT.

FOUNDESS OF THE SACRED HEART. The members of the Institute of the Sacred Heart have fresh cause for joy and pious exultation in the fact that the Holy Father has lately signed the decree for the introduction of the cause of Madame Barat, founder of the congregation of the Sacred Heart—the preliminary steps it is confidently believed towards the canonization of this venerated lady and servant of God, whose services to Religion, and especially to the cause of education, is one of the prerogatives of the present century.

To the children of that society this proceeding is a genial triumph. They naturally regard it as God's approbation of a work upon which in 1826 the Church, in the person of Leo XII., set its seal, and which now receives new confirmation by this notable proceeding of Leo XIII. in 1879.

The friends of religion and education in both hemispheres will rejoice with the spiritual daughters of Madam Barat in this recognition of the conspicuous virtues and sanctity of the foundress of this Institute. The inspiration of her prodigious zeal and fruitful labors will serve to stimulate the self-sacrificing spirit of the devoted religious of the Sacred Heart, who have consecrated their lives and their talents to the same important mission—the education of youth.

COAL AND WOOD.—J. P. O'Byrne is now prepared to supply coal and wood in large and small quantities, on the shortest notice, to all who favor him with their patronage.

DRY GOODS.—Arch. Sharp has removed into his new store, where everything in the dry goods line will be found good and cheap. Mr. Sharp has succeeded in building a large trade in the past few years. Close attention to business and selling the best goods at bottom prices have accomplished this end.

HAIR WORK.—Ladies hairwork, at the Western Hair Repository, corner Ridout and Carling Streets, London. This new firm are doing every lady's hair in the latest styles, and for workmanship and price cannot be equalled in the Province. Special attention paid to ladies' front seams, and hair devices, sceneries, Mementoes, Souvenirs, Monograms, all mounted in fine gold. Call and see them.

GOOD FOR LONDON.—Mr. John Elliott, of the Phenix Foundry, has received information that his Meadow Lark Compound Reaper and Mower won the first prize gold medal at the general excellence of the Grand International Competition, which took place at Peronne, France, on Sunday, the 17th of August last. The list of competitors embraced manufacturers from Germany, Scotland, France, United States, and elsewhere. This is an honor of which Mr. Elliott and Londoners generally should feel proud.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

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