

A VOICE FROM THE ISLES.

The *Catholic Record* fails to mention that the Marquess of Bute when he lay a-dying requested that his heart should be taken to the Holy Land and buried on Mount Olivet; he desired that the ashes of his heart should rest until the Resurrection on the very spot made holy by the three hours' Agony that the Sacred Heart of Our Lord endured there for Him and for us all. Who shall say the spirit of Faith has flown the British Isles? Here, nigh upon the close of the 19th century, we seem transported to mediaeval times and think of Richard Coeur de Lion, who desired that his heart should be laid at the Shrine of Our Lady of Frontevault. But why go back so far? Scarce 50 years ago brave Dan O'Connell said on his death-bed, "Take my heart to Rome, let it be buried there at the feet of the Apostles," to show his devotion to Holy Church, which, indeed, all his life had proved.

The late Marquess of Bute, when still quite young, became attached to a beautiful girl, the daughter of one of our Dukes. On his conversion the Duke would not hear of him as a son-in-law. In the little chapel of Harley House, London, where the nuns have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day (Mother Abbess told me) the poor young Marquess made renunciation of the girl he loved. She was the Lady Corisande in Lothair, who had an old fashioned garden of all sweet flowers growing wild. I do not think anyone used to take Lothair seriously, least of all its author, Benjamin Disraeli, who was by birth and inclination a Jew, and a churchman only from policy and custom.

When Cardinal Vaughan opens his splendid new Cathedral at Westminster, now approaching completion, he will use the chalice of St. Thomas A'Beckett, which will be lent for the purpose by its custodian, the Archbishop of Sens, in France, the ring and crozier of the Saint are already in the Cardinal's possession. So, shall the 12th century lend to the 20th, and the head of the Church in England be arrayed in the robe of his martyred predecessor, bearing his ring and his crozier; but, I think, in these peaceful times he will hardly gain the martyr's crown. M. T.

PERSONALS.

His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface, though suffering from sciatica, went to St. Joseph, where he administered confirmation last Sunday. He was accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Dr. Béliveau.

Sir Cornelius Alfred Moloney, K.C.M.G. (Governor of the Windward Islands), has been appointed Governor of Trinidad and Tobago in succession to Sir Hubert Edward Henry Jerminham, K. C. M.G.

The death is announced of Mr. W. F. Wakeman, Fellow of the Royal Society of Antiquaries, Ireland. He was a friend and pupil of the late Dr. Petrie, and almost the sole survivor of a famous band of antiquaries who included amongst its members Sir William Wilde and Bishops Reeves and Graves.

Mr. John Redmond, M.P., in forwarding a letter to a constituent, says he believes the first lesson of the elections to be that the Parnellite split is, at an end. In Mr. Redmond's judgment the

elections prove beyond the possibility of a doubt the universal determination of the people to have a united movement, in and out of Parliament, based upon Mr. Parnell's policy.

The Marchioness of Bute, Lady Margaret Stuart, her daughter, and Lord Colvin Edmund, her son, left Mount Stewart three weeks ago en route to Palestine. They have with them the heart of the late Marquis for burial at Mount Olivet—a condition made in the will. The heart of King Robert Bruce, an ancestor of the late Marquis, was carried by a Douglas for interment in the Holy Land.

Rev. Father Lacombe is expected back here about the 23rd of this month.

Mr. Joseph Lajoie, whose valedictory at the closing exercises of St. Boniface College last June created so deep an impression on the audience, has entered the novitiate of the Society of Jesus at Los Gatos, California.

Mr. Merwin-Marie Snell has opened Albertus Magnus College at Wachita, Kan. This is the first experiment in the United States of a Catholic layman putting himself at the head of a college. He will find it hard work to recruit his staff when teachers have to be dismissed or go away of their own accord.

Marcus Daly, one of the wealthiest Catholics in Montana, died the day before yesterday at the Hotel Netherlands, in New York.

It is rumored that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has recommended that Sir Charles Tupper be raised to the peerage in recognition of his services to the empire.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was born on November 20th, 1841, just eleven days after the Prince of Wales.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS.

(*Liverpool Catholic Times.*)

The Evangelicals are in danger of losing one of their chief controversial weapons against the Catholic Church. The privilege enjoyed by the laity of Communicating out of the chalice is seriously threatened. The "Lancet" is lending all its medical weight in favor of the view that there is grave risk of imbibing bacilli and goodness knows what terrible disease germs from drinking at a cup which has been touched by infected lips. What is to be done? It will be impossible for out and out Evangelicals to tolerate the Catholic heresy of Communion under one kind. It will be equally impossible for them to abstain from Communion altogether. But what middle term can they invent to evade the difficulty? They are not likely to risk the perils of infectious disease. Perhaps they will adopt the principle of tempering the bread in the wine, and so satisfying both conscience and devotion? But that would be to deny the chalice, and destroy the similitude with the rite observed at the Last Supper. However, they must adopt some method, for, as our always excellent contemporary, the "Pilot," says, "If medical science proves that the danger is more general than formerly was supposed, the Church must be prepared to advance *pari passu* to greater precaution."

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THE WORLD'S CATAclysms.

Written for The Review by an English Banker.

From time to time, on various parts of the earth, the mighty pent-up forces of nature have broken loose, and have caused the most terrible natural catastrophes and destructive cataclysms, involving in many instances a most appalling immolation of human life.

Perhaps the most desolating calamity with which our planet has been visited since the Great Flood, was the bursting of the mighty Hoang-ho, or Yellow river, in China, in the year 1887. The greater part of an entire province, equal in extent to the whole of England, was inundated to the depth of many feet; the fertile plains became one great inland sea; every city, town and village nearly disappeared beneath the surging waters, teeming multitudes of human beings perished in millions, while cattle, sheep, domestic animals, even birds, in countless multitudes were destroyed by the raging floods. When, after many weeks or even months, the waters subsided, the ruined province was but a vast charnel-house of festering corruption, the terrible miasma from which is believed to have engendered the plague of Influenza, which almost immediately afterwards commenced its ravaging course around the circuit of the world.

Europe also has from time to time been the scene of destructive inundations, the most severe of which was probably the flood caused by the bursting of the dykes in Holland A.D. 1530, when it was computed that four hundred thousand persons perished.

But not water only has been the great agent which has caused these calamities. Earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, have all claimed their victims; as for instance the Krakatoa volcanic eruption in 1883, which immolated probably 40,000 human lives; the great fire in Chicago in 1871, when 25,000 buildings were destroyed and many lives lost; or the recent hur-

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