# REMARKS ON

(By a Regular Contributor.)

When Gerald Griffin wrote his wonderfully-touching poem on "The Orange and the Green," he may have had visions, in his own generous and Christian mind, of a day when there would be an end to the senseless and ruinous divisions that have been the root of so much evil in Ireland. It is not easy for us in free Canada to fathom the depths of prejudice that the Orange organization created and that was not by " any means filled up by the counter-organ izations that had to spring into life in that old land. We do not believe that even another generation will suffice to uproot those animosities. But much can be done, by reason. mutual interests to cause the olden to drop gradually into a channel of harmony. This seems to be the stupendous mission that Captain Shawe-Taylor has taken himself. We have not the slightest doubt as to his ability to bring about much good, even were he not to succeed to the full extent of his expectations. He succeeded admirably in the matter of jandlords and tenants, and the result of his unique Dublin convention was the legislation of the last session. If he can only succeed half as well in his present enterprise we believe that Home Rule will follow as rapidly as did the Land Purchase Act come after his first effort.

On the 17th September last, Captain Shawe-Taylor spent the day in visiting the various leaders of public opinion in the city of Belfast. He called on the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall, on Mr. Thomas Sincial., Dr. McKeown and others; he also visited the various members of the Orange Society, the Conservative and Liberal Unionist Associations, and other influential bodies. In speaking of the results of his work in that great centre of Orangeism, he said:-'On all sides there seems to 'he but

one idea, that if the education dirhculty was amicably and equitably settled, the religious differences at present dividing Irishmen into hostile camps would gradually disappear. We should then, I believe, have considerable difficulty in finding anything to fight about.

'I am convinced that never in the history of Ireland was the spirit of mutual tolerance and forbearance more abroad than at present.

'Irishmen who have been separated politically have learnt that it possible to be of different political faith and yet be honest men

"So too educationally. Difference of creed does not necessarily imply difference of character. Slowly but surely the public opinion of the country is being awakened to the fact that so long as this bitterness exists so long will true social and material progress be impossible.

'The coming conference will both settle the educational question satisfactorily to all parties without the sacrifice of an iota of conscientious principle, and also cure the sectarian strife and bitterness of centuries.'

On the following Saturday the Captain visited Armagh and called His Eminence Cardinal Logue and upon the Protestant Primate of Ireland, Dr. Alexander. He was most cordially received by both, and it is clear that they were a unite as far as agreeing with him in his mis-

pearance. Of course, it would not do to be too sanguine in such matters, but it is very clear that this very much better condition of affairs Ireland. And there can be uc question as to the wisdom of encouraging him in such a laudable undertaking. Certainly if his second con vention should prove as great suc s as his first one he will have ren dered herculian service to Ireland.

WM. O'BRIEN'S WORDS .- At all times and under all circumstances the words of a man, who has played ch a part as has Mr. O'Brien, M.P., in Irish affairs, are decidedly important and have their eight beyond the expressions of ordinary men, and ordinary observers ents. In dealing with the ques tion of Ireland's prospects for taining Home Rule, Mr. O' Mr. O'Brien made a most important series of statements in an address delivered without any comment we reproduce our readers will be pleased to per-use it, as coming from one who has

every opportunity of grasping the situation and every interest in making it clear for the people. Mr. the abolition of landlordism on the O'Brien said that landlordism was day when the Land Conference re ruled out of existence by Act of Par-liament; and then he proceeded thus: sion House. Nothing could be more liament; and then he proceeded thus:

"A more astonishing thing still. they had got the landlords to sign death warrant of landlordism and they got both the English parties and both the English Hous Parliament to unite in placing on the Statute Book the first cardinal principle of the United Irish League and the Land League. But with this new Land Act they had not come to the end. They were only in the beginning of greater and grander chievements for Ireland. The race of freeholders of the land would never rest until they were also its rulers and its law-makers, until their taxes and their national resources were taken out of the custody of bungling strangers, and until were free to follow out their own natronal destinies under the inspiration of that liberty and self-government without which no people in recorded history had ever accomplished anythat made a nation's worth living.

As to the future, he submitted that the success which had attended their movement for the abolition of landlordism gave the Irish party a claim listened to as to the best means of accomplishing every other item in the national programme He asked them to believe that the methods and the men who had succeeded thus far would succeed further. They had at their command the right machinery and the right man, and the that destroyed landlordism forces destroy Dublin Castle. He would go further, and say that the winning of a national Parliament under present circumstances was an infinitely easier task than the abolition of landlordism was 12 months

The day the Land Conference proved that Irishmen could settle the land question they struck the greatest blow for Home Rule that ever struck since Grattan carried his declaration of independence. If they were to take advantage of their pre sent incomparable opportunity if must not be by any policy of sense violence or cheap bravery, it must be by widening their ranks until they included all the physical and intellectual forces of the country. No matter how they may have differed up to this present, it must be by proving that while they were irncilable to landlordism and English rule they were not irreconcilable to the landlords the moment they ceased to be landlords, and they were not irreconcilable to English rulers the moment they ceased to be their rulers and had the wisdom to allow them to rule themselves.

In a few months Irishmen would be n a position to judge how many of the landlords meant business, and in what terms, and how many of them would yield to nothing but compulsion. In the meantime all the tenther, to trust to the protection their own organization, and to remember that the Act left them at perfect liberty to make their own bargain, or to make no bargain at all if they could only make a bad one. Wherever they met landlords disposed to make a friendly bargain the advice of the National Directory was to meet them half way with They should remember that the future peace and happiness of the whole country was at stake; and as to the remainder o the landlords, whom nothing would teach, they might safely bide their time, remembering that the Houses of Parliament had once and for all decreed that landlordism must go that the evicted tenants question must be settled; and that, in so far as the present Act might fail to accomplish these objects, nothing would be easier, if they proved that it was amending Act that would complete

In the meantime he respectfully apvery patriotic man, in the country to set their wits to work within the next few months, and place their thoughts and projects before the country with the one single-minded object of advancing the national cause, so that whenever the country great step forward it might be with such a momentum, such a tide of nanext demand of Ireland it would be certain than that the same force national unity and energy which had erful enough to accomplish in every other object on which the Irish race had set its heart, and that there was no other force whatever in existence which could finally and permanently accomplish these objects.

The future was their own. Both English parties were as broken as the Irish party was united. It was no business of theirs to take sides, at least for the present. There plenty of doubt as to who would election, but nobody doubted that an Irish party, more solid and united than ever, would be there to meet them with the next instalment of the demands of Ireland. The first condition of success for Ireland would be that her representatives should stand apart unpurchaseable and independent -for ever armed, and on the watch, ready at any moment to recommence the fray. They would no longer find any party or section of the English Parliament disposed to deny that Ireland was ripe for self-government, and once they got so far the passage of a Home Rule through Parliament would be even an easier operation than the Bill for the abolition of landlordism.

#### DEATH OF MR. P. McGALF.

Abbottsford, October 12.

It is our painful duty to record this week the death of one of our respected young townsmen Mr. P. Mc-Gale, which occurred in this place a few days since after a painful illness of two years suffering from consumption, which he bore with Christian fortitude fully resigned in his young life to God's holy will. He was perfectly conscious to the moment bidding those around him words Jesus, Mary and Joseph, he

breathed forth his soul to God. Deceased was a native of Omagh. Co. Tyrone, Ireland, and was thirtytwo years old. He was formerly in charge of the Tailoring Department of the firm of Smyth, Mullin & Co., and by his genial manner won the esteem of a large circle of friends. He leaves a wife and child, one sister and brother to mourn his loss, here, besides an aged father and mother in Ireland. The Requiem Service at the parish Church, was very impressive. The remains were escortto the grave by some members of the C.M.B.A. and several ntimate friends and relations, drove over from Granby. May his soul rest in peace.

# Lessons and Examples

(By a Regular Contributor.)

Chancellor McCracken, of the New York University, has announced that in future he will join any association of colleges and universities in a movement to require from every fresh man a Sunday School diploma, cer-tifying that he knows the Ten Commandments by heart, the sermon on the Mount, a Church catechism some kind, a score of psalms and the best classic hymns. The Boston "Herald" dealing with the Chancellor's proposition, finds that it is timely and says:-

"It strikes us as an altogether sensible and admirable proposition. That it would tend to correct an existing defect in the equipment those who enter our higher institutions of learning is shown by current report about the freshmen who were unable to tell the name of the town where Jesus Christ born, or to name the writers of the New Testament epistles "

In the name of modern civilization what kind of home, or school train ing do these freshmen receive? | comprises their education? Is it pos sible that in an age like ours that they should be so ignorant of pealed to every thinking man, to ! elements of history, not to speak of religion? A pagan would be ashamed of himself if he knew so little about that which is common proper ty, ordinary history. In fact, must be something more than a mere their instruction. Or, can it be posgion and all knowledge of God is so great that they are kept in ignor them, that whatever might be the lifer to prevent any risk of their

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learning something, no matter how rudimentary, about sacred things? If you take a very ordinary Catholic child, before he will be admitted to make his First Communion, he must know more-at the age of nine or ten-than the average Protestan freshman must know at seventeen and twenty. And they are ignorant of these elementary affairs, otherwise the Chancellor of New York University would have no reason for making such a remark. He must have been forcibly struck with this lack of knowledge or else he could not have so expressed himself. Before a Catholic child will be allowed to approach the sacraments he must know the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Creed, the Confiteor, the Acts of Faith, Hope, Charity and Contrition, and the entire catechism (including the Commandments). This is certainly a serious reflection upon the Godless system of education that prevails in the public schools of the day; and it is, at the same time.

TELLING STATISTICS.-We have always contended, and our conter tion has been based on facts and experience, that the moral teachings of the Catholic Church have made the aces, faithful to her, the most moral peoples on earth. We have before us at this moment an item from the London "Times," which is of the utmost importance. The "Times" has been giving a series of articles at intervals on industrial conditions in Germany. In its issue of September 23rd, that organ gives a testimonial which we reproduce, and deem it will be wise of our readers to keep by them for reference against bigots. The "Times" says:-

fine tribute to the Christian

perfection of the Catholic system-

"The population of Saxony is overwhelmingly Protestant. The Roman Catholics only amount to 4.7 per cent., though they have greatly increased in recent years, having nearly trebled since 1880. The num ber of Jews is very small. As everywhere the case in Germany, illegitimate births and suicides are more numerous than in the Roman Catholic districts. The following figures will show this:-

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We simply have to add that Rhin land (consisting of Bavaria, Baden etc.,) is overwhemingly Catholic, Westphalia is also Catholic, and Saxony is overwhelmingly Protestant. By their fruits let the religions be judged.

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to have exhausted every means to (what the northern Tartar will do crush the life and existence political and national out of Finland. She succeeded in effacing the language the religion, the very traditional customs. It would appear as if were nothing left to be wiped out. Yet tyranny can always find some thing that it begrudges to the strick-en. That Finland is hopelessly a mere Russian province, and out of th cheme of nations, is evident from the fact that measures are being taken to deprive the Finns of their na-Russian rouble might be adopted as standard, but the fact that unsuitable, as either too small large circulation, and too large for becoming the standard coin, and with it the decimal system passing . i the disfranchised country. while expulsions of prominent Finn are going on, in the hope that when the leaders are gone the people will give way. This is another way of "taking a people by the throat," and Russia is pretty sure to keep her iron grasp upon the race until last breath is out of its body.

when his mind is made up to subjugate and to enslave a race in order to get possession of the country. Yet the Finns were a fine per and they had done much for the civilization of the north in the age that are gone and that their con-querors would have forgotten. But the achievements and good work of ancestors constitutes no plea for the life of the descendant who has faller upon evil times and whom the tyrant wishes to annihilate.

# IMMIGRATION.

The immigration figures past three months show total arrivals in Canada to be 26,987, as a gainst 28,331 for the same period last year. Of this number 12,478 were British, 7,128 Continental at 7,291 from the United States. For the nine months the arrivals were 108,014 as against 68,832 last year.

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Southport, some wee occasion of the visit the British Association ther Walsh, of Mount livered a most wonder "Revelation and Scient not a usual subject i But it is of the doma to show to the world truth and supernati instead of being oppo moniously together thereby to a common sermon is divided into first, treats generally Scripture; the third. God: and the fifth. man. The sequence is can be. It begins tion, then comes to then tradition, then G and Creator of all, the these; and finally man piece of God's creation ject of revelation, Scrip dition. And he builds of these. Science that means of attaining a fection in life, the plen is to be found only in to and proven by tra ture, and revelation, w it supports and proves of these. Such the pla mon. That portion whi dwell upon and to ans one affecting science an ture; and that is again four sections; the origin unity of the human race tiquity of man. This is ciently vast. But as th tions of the sermon are the comprehension of th encroach, for this week tent of simply reprod without comment. Bu that I am here giving o third, fourth and fifth p ond I reserve for the co with my own humble co

SCIENCE AND REVE "The relations between revelation assume a speci indeed a unique interestof those who believe in of the Catholic Church. lics-alone of all Christi a definite dogmatic sy Catholic Church-alone of -claims to speak with th ity of the Holy Spirit of therefore, if any want o can be shown between sci and the authoritative tea Church, then the claim Church to infallibility, to to binding power upon to mind and conscience—all must go! In that case the would have failed in her sion; and one failure in h Teacher is sufficient to in-

her lofty pretensions. "It is most important, to enquire what is mean word 'revelation.' Revelat Catholic sense is Divine To anteed as such by the Ch believe what the Church t the formula which expresse of the Catholic whether he poor, learned or unlettered the Church does not impos belief of her children any cept those which concern tion of souls-truths direct upon faith and morals. these limits she may, and in various ways, e.g., by pretation of Scripture, by icles of her creeds, by the and decrees of her general by the ex-cathedra pronor of the Supreme Pontiff, an dogmatic traditions. For methods of imparting tru

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bility is claimed."