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THE LOURDES JUBILEE.

Advices from France make it known that the celebration of the twenty-fifth or silver jubilee which was kept in August, in remembrance of the first manifestation of miraculous effects following from a pilgrimage to Lourdes, and bathing in the waters of the shrine of the Immaculate Mother of God, was attended by a great concourse of pilgrims, and a large number of new miraculous cures of all kinds of illness and infirmities.

The occasion was celebrated with great solemnity, there being present a number of Bishops, and fully one thousand priests from all parts of the world, even Africa and Asia. America, too, was largely represented.

A correspondent of the Paris Figaro, a paper which treats even sacred subjects with a great deal of levity, was present on the occasion, and from him comes one of the most complete accounts of the celebration, but not written in the strain of frivolity usual in that journal.

Mr. Chincholle, the correspondent here referred to, relates that he was greatly edified by the unostentatious piety of the pilgrims, and he noticed that the painful office of bearing the sick to the various hospitals was performed in most instances by young noblemen, an evidence of the strong hold which faith has on the minds and hearts of the French people.

He witnessed many of the miraculous cures, and was much impressed by them. He conversed also with many of the pilgrims who had been cured in former years, and discovered that the cures were real beyond the possibility of doubt.

To his he adds that the Catholics and the High Church Party are in alliance in the attempt to introduce dogmatic teaching into the Public schools of England.

Mr. Clifford is mistaken in regard to the position of Catholics on this matter. We have seen no evidence that the Catholics of England have any desire to dictate to the Protestants whether they shall have any or no religion taught in their own school; but they are in earnest in demanding that their voluntary schools shall be placed on a footing of equality with the Board schools, whether the latter have religious teaching or not.

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faith in France. During the last few years many French papers, devoted to the propagandism of infidelity, never ceased to ridicule the pilgrimages and to abuse the pilgrims, but more recently they abstain from so doing.

The torch light jubilee processions and the electric light illuminations of the Church of Lourdes during the jubilee are described by the reporter of the Figaro as excelling in splendor anything he had ever witnessed.

EVANGELICANISM AND CHRISTIAN DOGMA.

The Rev. Dr. Clifford, of Westbourne chapel, London, Eng., passing through Canada, had an interview with a reporter of the Montreal Witness, in which he made some strange statements. He believes that the world is growing better, and that the supreme test of righteousness is "character and manhood," and not "dogma."

"This is in keeping with the New Testament teaching. Christ demanded not a dogma, but a character. This is what I have been preaching. The world—that is to say, considered in the large aspect—is coming to this position—character and conduct—this, in the last analysis, is the test of Christianity.

Dr. Clifford is the new President of the Union of Free Churches, comprising nearly all the non-established or Nonconformist Churches which usually go under the name of Evangelical, and he appears to speak for them all in this profession of belief, or rather unbelief; for elsewhere he takes credit to himself for opposing, in the name of these Churches, the introduction of the Apostles' Creed into the State schools of England.

"We have fought against that—that is to say, the Union of the Free Churches, of which I am the incoming President—and we will ultimately triumph over this attempt to get in the thin edge of the wedge of dogma."

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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CLEVELAND DIOCESE.

The Catholics of Cleveland, Ohio, are celebrating with great rejoicing the golden jubilee or fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the diocese, and good reason they have for their joy, and for returning God thanks for His mercy and bounty.

In 1826 there were only five hundred Catholics in Cleveland, which was a Puritan settlement, but in that year the Catholic population was suddenly doubled by the influx of a number of Irish Catholic laborers who came thither for the construction of the Ohio canal.

Soon after this a simple church was built on the Flats, followed by others as the population increased, and in 1847 the number of Catholics in the entire new diocese of Cleveland then erected was 10,000, with 43 churches, all poor, and most of them built of logs.

In the present year, being fifty years later, there are 100,000 Catholics in the city of Cleveland alone, with 33 churches, nearly all of which are beautiful and massive structures, supplemented with fine schools, houses and pastoral residences, hospitals, asylums for orphans and the aged poor, and many other benevolent institutions, all of which are in a flourishing condition.

The diocese outside of the city has increased and progressed to an extent quite on a par with the city, and all parts of it will unite in returning thanks to God for His numerous bounties. Its Catholic population is now 250,000.

We have gathered most of these details from the Jubilee number of the Catholic Universe, an excellent Catholic journal published in the city of Cleveland. This journal, conducted with much ability and in true Catholic spirit, is another evidence of the progress of religion, and its jubilee number, as a work of art, and an evidence of enterprise, would do credit to any city in the civilized world.

The progress of religion throughout the United States has been very rapid, but nowhere has it been more strikingly manifested than in the diocese of Cleveland, and through the whole State of Ohio.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

At the banquet given by Mr. Hugh Ryan, of Toronto, in honor of His Grace the Archbishop, the Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. and the delegates to the great Irish Race Convention held last year in Leinster Hall, Dublin, the speeches delivered expressed the greatest confidence in the final result of the demand of Ireland for Home Rule; and as it cannot be expected that this result will be attained unless it be demanded by a united Irish party we are gratified to notice that those who are best acquainted with what is taking place in Ireland spoke with confidence to the effect that the Convention of 1896 will necessarily bear fruit by bringing about within a short time a reunion of the various factions into which the Irish Nationalist party is unhappily divided.

His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, to whose suggestion it is due that representatives of the Irish race came together at that convention, had recently, on the occasion of his visit to Ireland, the opportunity of ascertaining the feelings of the Irish people in general in regard to reunion, and he assures us that notwithstanding that some influential politicians in Ireland kept aloof from the convention, and that there are still misunderstandings on minor points existing between men of the different Irish parties, the convention had a great educational influence upon the people, and had done a great and solid good for Ireland.

discipline in the national party today.

The Honorable Edward Blake made a similar declaration. He reminded the guests at the banquet that the Irish Nationalist party have had, since the last general election, peculiar disadvantages to contend against, and that there was some excuse for despondency in the fact that they have been engaged for a longer period than has been common, in fighting against an enormous majority, greater than had ever been known before in the House of Commons.

Mr. Blake also remarked that the unnatural conditions which had arisen in Ireland, and which had made the holding of the Convention a necessity, had begotten a feeling among Irishmen in general, which he would not call despair, but "apathy, which is a very serious obstacle to the attainment of the complete union they hope soon to see, because it gives just such an opportunity as any one who wishes to deliver a stab under the fifth rib would most desire."

Mr. Blake tells us that the Irish National party intend to keep up the fight, and that in the meantime even the present hostile Government may be compelled to introduce certain measures for the betterment of the condition of the Irish people.

Mr. Blake stated also that the sympathy and aid of Irishmen the world over will be of great assistance to the Irish party in their conflict. This sympathy has been freely extended in the past, and has been backed with substantial aid.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE are glad to be able to publish this week a statement showing the results of our Separate schools at the last annual examinations. It must be a source of pleasure to the Bishops, priests and laity to note the very high standard they have attained. It has been the custom of some of our separated brethren, and of a small number of Catholics, to look upon our Separate schools as being inferior to the Public schools.

A RECENT issue of the Annales Catholiques gives an illustration of the pains taken by French secularists to expel anything savoring of religious teaching from the schools. With this object in view the names of God, and of anything having even a remote reference to religion, have been carefully erased from selections by eminent authors, which appear in the Government school books.

those who shall have guarded thee."

A poem entitled "The Religious of Mount St. Bernard" has for its new title "The Dogs of Mount St. Bernard." Also where Chateaubriand wrote, "Creation's primal singer intones a hymn to the Eternal," the Government changes it to "Creation's primal singer intones his melodious hymns."

WE take great pleasure in transmitting to our columns this week, from our respected confrere the Chicago New World, a report of the opening and blessing of the church of the Holy Angels, Chicago, on Sunday, the 26th of last month, on which occasion the secular press tell us that a very large collection was taken up, one young lady, Miss Paul, having given a most generous donation of \$7,000.

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THE outlook in Ireland, with at least one half of the country in a state of famine, is a gloomy one for the coming winter. Notwithstanding the doubt thrown by Earl Cadogan on the existence of the distress, it is established beyond doubt that in the North and West the failure of the crops upon which the people depend for sustenance has been complete.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

Silver Jubilee or Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Father St. Cyr, Pastor of Stoney Point.

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ANTI-CATHOLIC lecturers have all nearly the same qualities of impudence and malevolence, and usually of bad character also, and want of respect for the laws of God and man. A few days ago one of these, William Clark by name, was arrested and committed to prison at Rockford, Ill., for persisting in blocking the streets by gathering crowds around him to listen to his tirades, contrary to the city ordinances.

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An amusing incident is related by a correspondent of one of the London (Eng.) dailies, who brings it forward to show the spirit which is still dominant in Irish Orangism. A Protestant Episcopal clergyman of enlightened views was not long since preaching a sermon on Christian Charity, in the county of Armagh. The congregation was very large, and the theme was not an acceptable one to the Orangemen present, and a large part of them went outside the church, paying no attention to what was going on within.

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