## ANGLO-SAXON ALLIANCE.

Mr. Chamberlain's Recent Speech and Comments of the English Press.

What an American Catholic Journal Has to Say in Reference to the Proposal.

with eulogistic continents upon the speech in which Mr. Commberlain, Secretary of State for the colonies, recently advocated openly an alliance between the United Kingdom and the United States, on the ground not merely of mutual advantage, but of kinship in ous nation,' said Mr. Chamberlain, speaking our language, bred of our race and having interests identical with ours. as war may be, even war itself would e cheaply purchased if in a great and noble cause the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack should wave together Mr. Chamberlain is a member, and of the successful hero, Commodore Dewey -who, we learn from the Cleveland Catholic Universe, is a convert to the me Church-is evident from this extract from the inspired editorial comment of the London Times upon Mr. Chamberlain's address : 'It was almost a forgone conclusion that the opporunity should be seized of establishing permanent relations of amity and something more with the United States. whose success in the operations that have lately taken place nas been welcomed here as not only justified by the to the practical capacity of the Anglo-Saxon race in the business of war, even when no adequate preparations for the struggle had been made.'

The London Standard is still more frank in its statements of the reason which prompts this lively and new born desire of England for an alliance with the United States. It tells us that "there is not the smallest reason to suppose that Mr. Chamberlain's convictions are not shared by every member of the cabinet. We are liable at any moment to be confronted by a combination of all the European powers."

This is the whole secret of it honestly expressed. England's policy of aggression and self-aggrandisement has left her isolated amongst the other powers of Europe. She has no friends amongst them. In this critical situation, to a has unddenly given place to a petition to the United States to enter into an alliance with her. All this talk about ing upon these statistics :-Anglo Saxon kinship between the two does not comprise one-fourth of it. The Celtic and Tenton elements largely predominate: and these are the reverse of favorable to an alliance with England. however desirable such an alliance would

On the other hand, the points of similarity between the cases of Ireland and Cuba should not be forgotten. It is on account of the energetic way in which half of the oppressed Cubans that Mr. Chamberlain and the British press are advocating an alliance. But the possibility of a similarly energetic armed intervention in behalf of Ireland does not sem to have occurred to the member for Birmingham or his admirers in the Eaglish press. Yet there is as much reason for this intervention as for the other. As our American Catholic contemporary, the Universe, of Cleveland,

The United States is bound to Ireland by close ties of blood and kinship, common language and civilization.

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the chief racial ingredient in our national make up. The "Anglo Baxon" element is a pitiably insignificant one sa compared with the Keltic, of which the nation's very bone and fibre partakes. Irish blood courses through the veins of our Chief Magietrate and in those of a majority of the foremost leaders in every department of public and private usefulness. There is no gainsaying the fact. Therefore, it is no exaggeration to say that Ireland has stronger claims upon our people than any other country on the face of the earth, and if we feel called upon to respond to the cry of the THE British press has been teeming downtrodden for succor we certainly cannot turn a deaf ear to the appeal of

our own flesh and blood in Erin, so long prostrate beneath England's tyrant heel. In another respect the title of Ireland to the good offices of this country which it is proposed to solicit is based on much better grounds, sentimental and prac-tical, than that of Cuba. English injustice and oppression, and Irish suffering blood. 'There is a powerful and gener-under alien misrule, covers a period many times greater than that of Spanish tyranny in Cuba. For seven centuries, Ireland has suffered a living martyrdom. British cruelty has killed more prople I would go so far as to say that, terrible in Ireland by starvation and the sword, not to mention other methods of extermination resorted to, during these seven hundred years, than ever saw the light of day in Cuba since that island became the possession of Spain. Hundreds of over an Anglo Saxon alliance.' That thousands of defenceless men and women the eyes of the Government of which and children have been savagely put to death by brutal monsters representing English masters, without even

the press which supports that Go ern-ment, have been opened on this alliance sity, much less without the color id a by the naval prowess exhibited by of justification which the chronic insurrection of her subjects in Cuba gave Spain. Many of the ancestors of American citizens were wantonly mur dered or exiled by British oppressors. Nothing of the kind can be said in connection with Spanish tyranny in Cuba. The natives of the West Indian islands have no race affinity with Americans like that which exists between Ameri cans and the Irish, and no such claims upon our love and gratitude as distin guish our relations with our brethren of

the Emerald Isle. Obviously, therefore, if our interven-tion in behalf of the Cubans forms a precedent, we shall be compelled by every consideration of sentiment and justice to do for Ireland at the request of Iregoodness of her cause, but as a tribute land what we propose to do without concluded the present business in hand we must, if we wish to act with consistency, notify England to withdraw from Ireland, under penalty of forcible evic-

## OF MIXED MARRIAGES.

Striking Statistics That Point Out Sad Consequences.

Prussian Catholic Men the Greatest Offenders - Thousands of Children Lost to the Church Through Their Action.

The dire results of intermarriage between Catholic and Protestant have will be secretly fired to new dreams and sense of which she has now become often been referred to in these columns, thoroughly aroused, all the bray and but seldom has there been such an array bluster indulged but a short time ago of statistics that appeal to one as that over the Venezuelan boundary dispute, published in an American Catholic sign there is of anything to convert lies Journal, the Sunday Democrat, in one of in the truly religious motive that its recent issues. It says, in comment-

Daily experience shows the wisdom of nations is discounted by the fact that the Church in condemning the marriage own intellects, why do they not question the Anglo-Saxon portion of the popula- of Catholics with non-Catholics, and the tion of the great American Republic statistics recently published in Prussia show the bad consequences of such mar riages. From these statistics we learn that on December 2 last there existed in | impudence was never so impressive as in Prussia 278,434 cases of mixed marriages between Catholics and Protestants. 150 365 cases the husband was a Catholic, and in 128,069 the wife was Catholic. Tous, to their shame be it said, more Catholic men than women contract such unions, and surely for men there is less excuse than for women. Now for the consequences. Out of 597,921 children, the offspring of these marriages, no less the United States has intervened in be than 332,947 were brought up Protestants, as against only 264 648 Catholics, a clear evidence of the disastrous results to the faith; for here, in spite of the large ma jority of some 32,000 Catholic fathers, we find a majority of about 6S 000 Protestant children. Could statistics be more eloquent? Again, look at the following figures: Of the children of Protestant fathers 59 per cent. of the boys and 53 per cent. of the girls-in each case a clear majority—follow the religion of the father; whilst of those of Catholic fathers only 46.6 per cent. of the boys and 42.4 per cent. of the girls are brought up as Catholics. Thus both Catholic fathers and Catholic mothers neglect their duty towards the souls of their

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* SOME NEW BOOKS.

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| syllable.

## OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

Some Peatures of the Feebleness of the Non-Catholic Mind.

Dr. Maurice Francis Egan's Remarks Regarding the Fashionable Catholic Classs -- Other Notes of Interest.

PRILADELPHIA, May 16, 1898.

How vast is the ignorance of other neople! Don't we all feel it 'that way'! They tell a story among the Friends of Philadelphia of one of them who long ago concluded that 'everybody' was 'queer" except his wife and himself, and, Hannah, thee knows thee is a little queer." So it is with the meekest and humblest of us-we find so many who do not know what we know. Now, we are so familiar with the little Scapular of the Sacred Heart that we quite forget the number of non-Catholics who have never seen it, know nothing of scapulars of any sort, and are all too give it or not. Some ambitious 'pennyand to turn a neat sentence of machinemade sentiment, has discovered 'a pathetic and touching faith and superstiof 'a narrow strip of white cloth, notched by rays of gold, and the motto in Spanish, Cheer up; the Heart of Jesus is with you!' This talisman, he says, is worked for the wearer by his mother or sweetheart, and is worn on the inside of the shirt as a sure preventive of sickness and a protection from all other dangers How greatly surprised that writer would be if he was informed that nearly every Catholic he knows, whether Irish, English or American-nay, probably, thet five out of every ten who pass him in the crowded streets of an American city, are now wearing, and have been for a dozen vears.

THE EQUIVALENT OF THE SPANISH 'TALKS MAN,

with the motto in English as often as in any other tongue. Only-not as convereant as he thinks with Spanish - that motto is not 'Cneer up!' but 'Cease, and, as any Catholic can tell him, is intended to express the Catholics attitude towards the tempter rather than the tender encouragement of a mother or a aweetheart, addressed to their beloved patriot. That 'touching faith' and 'pathetic superstition' will be paraded through the press now, and excite any amount of namby-pamby sympathy among the shallow. It will be voted 'so sweet,' and quoted to emphasize the tyranny and oppression that has prevented the 'noble Cuban' from the free exercise of his intellect that would lead him to the better understanding that would surmount all such 'superstitions.' No doubt the hearts of many hopeful and ignorant, well meaning Protestants fancies of future conversions from Cathdicity and the wearing of 'taliamans' to the special cult of the dreamer, when, if they did but know it, perhaps the only prompts the wearing of the little white scapular. Oh, if those ardent Protest ants could be persuaded to learn the truth of our beliefs! In justice to their at head cources? But they never will Every week of my life I have the opportunity of reading a 'fountain of truth'a Presbyterian weekly. The audacity of its columns. The statements it gravely makes as to what I-being a Catholicam taught, believe and practice, almost take my breath. I expect the benighted old heathen who edits it will fasten on this 'Cuban talisman' as a text for many a discourse. He has already discovered that this war is a blessing in disguise to Spain, and has laid out the Divine plan,' that we are intended to carry to their bardened and darkened hearts the touths of the Scriptures, of which all Spain and every Spaniard are (supposed ly) as utterly ignorant as were the Indians of North America five hundred years ago-when Spain knew it all as well as any nation on earth. Just think how long exactly this same kind of ignorance has gone on! It does seem ridiculous to talk of 'an age of progress.' It really seems that the only sort of progress' is crablike, and all the present age learns is that every improvement their ancestors made might as well have been left in the gulf of the unknown.

Gems of Yerse.

Of course, you all see the Independent, and many have noticed on that first page where gather, from time to time, such little gems of verse, the noble lines of Danske Dandridge: 'On the Eve of War.' it has been called a striking response to Kipling's famous 'Recessional,' and one critic says of it, that 'it is almost as intense and earnest as Kipling's magnificent lines.' They are really fine lines, catching the splendid ring of the 'Re-cessional,' and breathing a spirit as numbly dependent and as reverentially faithful as Kipling's petition. Danske Dandridge, however, has done good work before; in truth, she is one of the few who never do any work that is not good. She cannot be hurried to 'anything, no matter what, so that you say something' The thought is there before she begins to weave its royal mantle and beat out its jewelled crown within the student's workshop. There must be a veritable workshop for the master-worker, and beauty and worth comes only with toil -that is, if it is beautiful and valuable enough to last. She has, also, sent out enough of her really lovely poetry to make a name for herself—I think there is a volume of it somewhere—yet, I find she is taken for Mrs. Danske Dandridge. book down till he has finished the last | was living in Denmark when she was born, She is Mrs. Dandridge-her mar.

dues but it will be quite too had if Mrs. | au' assign each of yer to a station." Dandridge is cheated at of hers. Any

Dr. Maurice Francis Igan

from his pen that is not 'heart-lifting.' He sees straight through 'giamours and he is not afraid to challenge any bogy' that crosses his path. He has recently given us his opinion on the socalled Catholics-the fashionable Catholica-of some recent conversions or confessions; and it is certainly worth hear ing and marking. With all the excuses that charity can find for sins, improprieties, mietakes and follies, where have we ever learned that it could be an honor to the Catholic Church to count such a one as sinned without compune tion, or became conspicuous for follies innumerable, among ner members-her children we will not say? Time and again I see quoted as a Cathelic (with ] such additions as prove the assertion to be made by a non-Catholic-Marie Corelready to seek information from the li, Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes), next,' whether properly qualified to Alfred Austin, and a dozen more who are of the same stamp-no particular a-liner, anxious to swell his paragraphs credit to any place or any people. That quite unable to leave the spot or even they are Catholics at all, I see no reason to believe, since ' by their fruits ye shall know them.' If they are Catholics, the certainly do not adorn either the can easily be imagined, was not a or scolloped, upon which is embroidered | Church's doctrines or her children's pleasant task for men prone to seasick-a scarlet heart, a green cross surrounded | practice. Dr. Egan has called attention press as most of us were. to the toadying we have done before these 'lights,' and he does his 'spiriting well. Let us have no more of it. perform the various duties assigned to The fact that they are Catholica conceros them individually very seriously, and it will concern them much more seriously if they should prove to be what they seem-very bad Catholics. Above all, let us never again see conversions that of a weman atterly wave endeavored to make our voyage abandoned and shameless, as though she memorable to us brought and added lustre to the Church ; lic marriage.

SARA TRAINER SME H.

## Continued from Page Two.

As the vessel steamed out of the Narrows into the open, and I was taking a last lock at the receding stores of foreman's graff voice calling the new properly supported your own paper. men to stand in line and receive in-

aumations. 'Now,' he said, 'as long as you fellows! what there is to do ust be done prompt | tape from his hip p cket, and placing and regilar. Each man here must feed one end of it on the gentleman's side and water thirty-five animals three times | said: 'There, hold this end please. The a day and do whatever else he's called on | be at the opposite point of the circumfer. Them as think they c'n loaf'll please beforence in about two mir mes.

ried name chi-ning so well with her remember that the cap'n of this here Christian name as to suggest one pleas | ship is judge, jury and police department ant reason for the union. Fame is not all round inter one, and c'n sunish worth much, we all know, and there are | wrongdoin' with its just deserts. Now some who really do not value it enough yer constart in on yer dust lesson. If to exert themselves to get their just ler me an' I'll show yer the seed round

I got through the work required of me woman who could write these lines de without very much troub e, though it serves the credit of them; they are each took me a little while to acc stom myverse a prayer. Mrs Dandridge is a Vir- self to the fact that these long parrow lance flanked by horned heads were not dangerous gauntiets to run.

As soon as the ship starts the cettle has the coolest head and the stannchest | are firmly tied to a stout board which heart of the poets. I never see anything runs in front of each compartment. Every steer is allowed a space of two feet eszinches in width. Six are placed in each compartment. Only three of there can lie down at one time. They therefore, must sleep in relays, and when the three standing ones think the three sleeping ones have had enough rest they kick them brickly until the enug posttions are relinquished.

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The most disagreed le duty that fell to our lot was to keep the states and tion' among the Cubans—the wearing less said of them the better, since they compartments free from ultin. This, as

> But the work had to be attended to, and, sick or we l, we were compelled to

In addition to these unpleasant ex periences we became the butt of a hun dred time worn; ikes at the bands of our more experienced co-workers, who sent us on impossible errands, recommended chronicled among the results of a year's absurd remedies and in various other

Most of us had but one suit of clothes with the millions of her most un Cathor and on arriving at our destination found it worn to shreds and unsp akably tilthy.

In fact this is far from an ideal way to ABOARD A CATTLE STEAMER. | go to Europe , a man travelling thus has almost as hard a time of it as did Artemas Ward when the carmed free passage on we and by running along the few path as mule dancer.

D : not be among these to at find built America, I suddenly awoke to the fact and say that your p p r does not till the that I was there for business and my requirements of your vicitity, before time was not my own. I heard the you have manifested the true spirit and

A stout, elderly gentleman went to a behave yourselves and note what local tailor here to get measured for a yer told, yer won'; git into no suit of clothes. The tailor, who was a trouble. There ain't much to do, but bit of a way, pulled out his measuring

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