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FIRST INSTALLMENT FOR IRELAND PROPOSED.

The consensus of opinion of the friends of Ireland, while far from satisfied with the restricted bill introduced in the British Parliament, seem willing to accept the measure as an installment, leaving the matter open for further consideration.

We are pleased to know that this is the sentiment prevailing, because any freedom, however slight, accorded Ireland in the management of her own affairs is bound to show the fallacy of the arguments advanced by the opponents that she is not ready for self-government.

If ever a people have shown patience and loyalty, under sorely tried conditions, they are the Irish, and we predict that if the proposed measure is enacted into law, the fair and honest-minded members of the British Parliament will quickly perceive the equity of absolute Home Rule for Ireland in a short time. "A question is never settled until it is settled right" and Erin's day of triumph seems at last at hand.

The destinies of the Irish party, in the hands of Mr. Redmond, are secure. The patient and logical statesmanship that he has shown is to bear good fruit.

To the representatives of the Irish people in Parliament, we would say—Accept the proposed bill, hurry its enactment, show your mettle with such as it empowers and continue your demand for real Home Rule and a "square deal" in your efforts to establish an ideal nation.

Have patience, perseverance and loyalty.

FRANCE DISHONORED ITS DEATH.

The French Government pays Catholicism the compliment of some measure of imitation, says the London Tablet, in its aim of stateliness of ceremonial. M. Berthelot, the great chemist, and his wife were voted a public funeral in the Pantheon. M. Berthelot was a distinguished scientist, and a pronounced enemy of the Christian faith. The colonnade of the Pantheon was draped with purple hangings, silken tri-colors floated from the arches, and the interior of the dome. In the midst was suspended a veil of crepe, bearing in silver the initials of the deceased. Torches with green lights encircled the nave. In the center stood a catafalque, having at its base gold and silver wreaths and branches of palm. The orchestra from the Conservatoire took the place of the choir. It began by singing the "Marsellaise," followed with the finale of a symphony of Beethoven. Next, in place of a sermon, there was a discourse by M. Briand, the eloquent Minister of Public Instruction, who for this purpose mounted a pulpit or tribunal which was placed in a prominent position not far from what would have been the sanctuary. When he had concluded his panegyric, the orchestra executed an allegretto of a Symphony of Beethoven, followed by the

"Marche héroïque" of Saint-Saëns. The President of the Republic with the ministers officiated, surrounded by the delegations from the Senate and the Chamber. On the left of the President were the members of the diplomatic corps and the generals and officers nominated by the military governor of Paris. The French government apparently can do without the Christian faith, but not without some instinctive attempts to fulfill the tradition of stately ceremonial and majestic ritual which has been bequeathed to it by centuries of Catholicism.

There is a counterpart to the picture. Many of the brave French sailors who perished in the Iéna were Bretons, and their friends and relatives wished to have a funeral service held at Rennes. The Bishop of Rennes arranged for the Mass to be said at the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. At the barracks across the way were the soldiers who serve under the same flag, and whose sympathies were naturally with their departed comrades who had died in the service of their country. On the night before the funeral service in the Cathedral, the officers in barracks were aroused and called together to receive an order from the government—the government of that France for which soldiers and sailors are proud to risk their lives. The order was that no officer must attend the funeral service held for the dead sailors—even outside his official capacity! The infamous order was worded as follows: "Le ministre, consulté au sujet du service religieux célébré à la cathédrale en l'honneur des victimes du Iéna, fait répondre qu'il interdit aux officiers de s'y rendre, même à titre officieux." Thus at a moment when all France was mourning for the gallant men who were sacrificed in her service, a Catholic officer even in his private capacity is "forbidden" to take part in a funeral service which is held in their memory! Such is the work of Colonel Piquart and of the Grand Orient, whose behests he dares not disobey. We may fairly prophesy that the organs of the press which are so deeply committed to the work of patronizing the present French ministry and all its works, will have no word of censure or rebuke for this shameful violation of individual liberty. It was only committed against the Catholic officers, and therefore such measures—which would be intolerable if taken against a Jew or unbeliever—can be glossed over or condoned in a general policy of hush and conspiracy of omission.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

In reference to a bogus memorandum published in Rome furthering the claims of Anglo-Saxon Catholics to greater representation in the College of Cardinals, Rome says: "It may be pertinent to point out here that Rome does not make the foolish mistake of jumbling together the different countries that happen to speak the English language, and considering the joint claim 'for better representation of the Anglo-Saxons in the Sacred College.' There never has been, and it may safely be said that there never will be, a single document emanating from the Holy See containing the word Anglo-Saxon in its modern and absurd sense, and neither the Holy Father nor Propaganda has ever addressed a general communication of any kind to 'English-speaking countries.' Another thing worth remembering is this: The Sacred College is not meant to be a 'representative' body—in fact there is absolutely nothing of a 'representative' character in the organization of the Catholic Church. A few years ago England with less than 2,000,000 Catholics had three Cardinals—Newman, Manning and Howard—to-day she has not even one; for the last quarter of a century the United States has had one cardinal, to-morrow or after they will have very probably three. South America with its forty millions of Catholics was for centuries without a Cardinal; the entire Orient is without one to-day. On the 'one man, one vote' system South America ought to have four times as many Cardinals as the United States. "The truth is that the Sacred College is filled up according to methods

of a very complex kind. The Holy See is bound, here in continental Europe, by treaties, traditions, customs, historical associations, which, however, are gradually losing their force. Pius X is the first Pontiff for centuries to introduce an important modification into the composition of the Sacred College, for he has abolished what were known as "cardinalitial" dignities, or dignities that carried with them, or led up to the cardinalate. The force of circumstances will in the course of time bring about other changes, and it is quite safe to assume that German cardinals and American cardinals will be more numerous in the future than they have been in the past."

Congratulations to our stalwart old friend, Mr. Teedy, of Richmond Hill, who recently celebrated his eighty-fifth anniversary in full health. It is rejuvenating to see these old soldiers who are nearing the century mark, as full of life as some of the young men of to-day. Mr. Teedy is one of Canada's most estimable Catholics and father of the distinguished Rev. Dr. Teedy of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Richmond Hill Liberal has the following in reference to the event:

To day, April 18, M. Teedy, Esq., is receiving congratulations from many friends on the 85th anniversary of his birthday. Few men have better reasons for congratulations. Mr. Teedy is enjoying good health at the age of four score years and five, his mind is as clear as that of a man in the prime of life, and no person can take deeper interest in books or newspapers, or affairs in general than does our esteemed and respected citizen. He is now in his fifty-seventh year as Postmaster—the oldest Postmaster in the Dominion, having been appointed in the year 1850, and he is the oldest Justice of the Peace in the County of York, having received the appointment in 1853. He was clerk and Treasurer of this village for over thirty-two years and resigned in 1905, when the village council "elected" him. The Liberal is pleased to join in sincerest congratulations.

Charles S. Woody, writing in the American Journal of Clinical Medicine of the present policy of the Indian Commissioners, says: "I do not mean by this that the education of the savage is a failure; I simply mean that the higher education of the Indian is not only a failure; it is a crime. By all means educate the native. Educate him to be a self-sustaining citizen. Teach him the value of industry, economy, frugality, honesty. Teach him that only those who labor shall eat, and you have accomplished all that can reasonably be expected. The Catholic Church with its faculty of getting at the root of things, long ago saw this, and in consequence the Catholic Indians are more self-sustaining than any other of our Indians. This may not meet the approbation of certain Protestant missionary workers, but it remains a fact, nevertheless."

It looks as if Montreal readers would have to do without their imported Sunday papers in the future. Last Sunday the entire supply was held up at the border by the Canadian officers. The new law says:

"It shall not be lawful for any person to bring into Canada, for sale or distribution, or to sell or distribute, within Canada on the Lord's Day, any foreign newspaper or publication classified as a newspaper."

It might be pointed out in this connection that the class of matter that we are getting from London, in the way of cheap popular magazines to-day is as trashy as any printed in the States. We are bound to get it from one source or another. It is all the more essential that Canadian papers be conducted in such a manner that they will act as an antidote to this sensational stuff from abroad.

In the House of Commons, on the 25th of April, the Hon. Mr. Belding announced that provision would be made in the estimates of a future session for erecting a monument on Parliament Hill, Ottawa, to perpetuate the memory of the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee. The memory of this distinguished Irishman has a peculiar

early patriotic claim upon the Dominion, and the Government is doing the right and proper thing in thus commemorating the noble achievements of one of her most brilliant men, whose accomplishments must always rank among the first in the annals of Canada's statesmen.

Over thousands of failures in life careers between the twentieth and fortieth year, may be written the epitaph: "He thought too much of festivity." "His recreation absorbed all his energy." "His craving for a good time was his ruin." Drinks, cigars, billiards, bouts, raffles, bets, pool, cards, low theatres and late hours are the absorbing things that kill a young man's chances of success. They sap his energy, dissipate his savings, waste his time and cheat him out of his opportunities.

Not one of them is really necessary to a truly good time for any rightly constituted young man.

The self-sacrificing devotion of the Catholic priest to his divine vocation was splendidly exemplified in Brooklyn, N.Y., last week. The men of St. Saviour parish, which was organized recently by the Rev. James J. Flood, presented the rector with a purse of \$2500 on the occasion of the celebration of the silver jubilee of his ordination on Monday night. Father Flood, in returning thanks for the gift, said that a purpose dear to his heart is the building of a parochial school, and he at once donated the purse as a nucleus for a building fund.

The Catholic missions amongst the Indians have received a severe setback from the Supreme Court in its recent decision withdrawing the annual government appropriation, which hitherto has formed a considerable part of the fund upon which those missions have to depend for their support. According to the report of the year 1906, issued last January, the entire amount available for Indian missionary work during that year was approximately \$204,000, of which \$60,000 was contributed by the United States government.

The substitution of lectures for smoke talks and dances and the elimination of politics are some of the reforms within the Ancient Order of Hibernians demanded by the national board in a circular issued to members.

Dances and smoke talks, the circular points out, are cheap forms of entertainment which might bring the organization into disrepute. As to politics, the document says once the organization becomes the tool of selfish individual interests, its work of preserving the ancient traditions of the Irish race, is bound to be crippled.

In his relentless campaign against the sins of the "Smart Set," Father Vaughan excepts the people of Ireland from the offenders against morals in the United Kingdom. "All the great towns of England," he recently declared, "are on the downgrade, but Ireland—God bless her—still gives the empire pure women, brave men; and Ireland is the most Catholic country in the world, with the most Catholic capital." And he might have added that not only has Ireland given "pure women, and brave men," to the British empire, but to the entire civilized world as well.

Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, of Boston, senior member of the great wholesale dry goods house of Brown, Durrell & Co., the popular and patriotic national treasurer of the United Irish League of America, and one of the leading Catholics of the East, was tendered a splendid compliment by some sixty of his close friends and fellow-workers in the Irish national cause, on April 30, in the Hotel Vendome. He was given a banquet and presented with a magnificent centerpiece of genuine Irish silver.

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Rev. Robert Benson's "Confessions of a Convert," now being published in the Ave Maria, are attracting the attention of the thoughtful everywhere. Father Benson, who is the son of the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, and is a writer of note, became a Catholic about five years ago. The story of his conversion is an intensely interesting one, written as it is in his accustomed clear and attractive style. It was published in last week's issue.

The large railroads, steamship companies and mercantile interests insure their own properties. Why cannot the hierarchy adopt a mutual insurance plan obligatory on all for the insurance of churches, schools, rectories, convents, hospitals, seminaries, asylums and other institutions?

Cardinal Merry del Val has promised Bishop Thomas F. Lillis, of the Leavenworth diocese, that at some time in the future he will visit the towns in the middle and western states of the United States. Thus far the cardinal has only been in New York.

A movement, it seems, is being made to erect a shrine dedicated to "Our Lady of the Cataract," in one of the churches at Niagara Falls. As so many visitors to the Falls are devout clients of the Blessed Virgin such a shrine would be an object of special devotion to them.

Two of the theatres in Montreal have agreed to submit all dramas expected to be produced by them to the censorship of Archbishop Bruchesi. Would that all play houses would employ similar critics.—Catholic Columbian.

Hon. Lomer Gouin, Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec, has been made an officer of the Legion of Honor in France, while Mr. Humer Lanctot, District Magistrate for Beauharnois, has been made an officer of public instruction.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Friend have taken possession of their new residence on Sherbrooke street west.

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OBITUARY.

MASTER MICHAEL O'NEILL.

During the course of last week there occurred the death of one of the sanctuary boys of St. Anthony's parish, in the person of Master Michael O'Neill. His death was particularly sad inasmuch as he was so young, just 13 years, and it leaves to his sorrowing parents but one surviving child out of a family of six children. He was a noble boy, and endeared himself to all who knew him, particularly to his pastor and teachers, by his piety and reverence for holy things. His funeral, which took place in St. Anthony's Church, was attended by his teachers and schoolmates, as also by the boys of the Juvenile Temperance Society, of which he was a member. It was gratifying to his friends to know he was respected and mourned by all. Our sympathy goes out to his sorrowing father and mother in their great bereavement, but that boy has gone home to Almighty God whom he loved and served so faithfully while on earth.

ST. PATRICK'S A. A. A.

To-morrow (Friday) evening, the dramatic section of St. Patrick's A. A. A., under the direction of Mr. W. A. Tremayne, will put on at Stanley Hall the comedy-drama, "The Battered Hero." Prof. P. J. Shea has charge of the musical programme, and has secured some of the best talent in the city for this occasion. The entertainment to be put on by the young men, therefore, bids fair to be one of the most successful yet produced by this progressive association.

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Sermon

On last Sunday, St. Charles, Point St. Charles, had a remarkable celebration, consisting of five events in the history of the parish. The fifth anniversary of the death of the pastor, Rev. William the twenty-third in the parish, the first Communion of the children, and the consecration of the altar rails, the dignity of honorary cardinal archbishop.

At 9 o'clock mass of the parish to the number made their first Communion after at 5 o'clock Archbishop Bruchesi conferred sacrament of confirmation.

The chief celebration was evening at 7.30. The church specially decorated with electric lights and festooned.

The sanctuary was with priests from other parishes the altar rails were who received first Communion side the rails, the girls of first Communion class, and occupying seats in the front an immense congregation filled the edifice.

At 7.30 Rev. Father Faherty the rosary, every alternate being sung by the congregation. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi the sanctuary attended Canon O'Meara.

SERMON BY FATHER

The sermon was preached by Father Doyle, S.J., of Loyola. He took for his text, "I shall see thy Teacher, and shall hear the word of the Lord, and shall be like him." There can be no idea of a true ministry more true, a same time more striking than that of his office is to continue in the world. Our Blessed has not remained among the body and sensible presence out of our sight until He at the judgment. Just as a city being spiritual, was brought close to human flesh, the incarnation, so the Word, when He withdrew from the world and before the world, true that whether Christ or invisible, the facts of the living, and the suffering can never be altered.

There have been no invention of Love for keeping Him alive, yet still the fact of the incarnation and the story of His life have always been the meaning of the Godhead near. But not been content with this. He promises by Isaiah? shall see thy Teacher, and shall hear the word of the Lord. It was not angels was to send to represent Him had resolved to do a thing; to bring about in the universe of ours a prodigy is only surpassed by the itself. He wished that Jesus should be known and felt generation and in every region of the world. He took, there which is found always and where—He took the human self, and He set men apart "ordained" them, in the sense of the word, to perform a certain office; He put in their human nature; He on the road of pilgrimage, field of struggle and conflict them with their temptations, their weaknesses. But He certain gifts and endowments; He gave them—not his weakness, or His miraculous