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LABOUCHERE'S VIEWS ON IRISH SITUATION.

Labouchere, the distinguished and lively journalist of London, is just now saving that it is only a matter of time when Ireland will have its own parliament in Dublin. He is also of opinion that were the questhe tion voted on to-morrow by people of the two kingdoms. Home Rule would be granted easily. work of Gladstone has had this result. It has educated the people up to the point of common sense They have been saying for a long time in English fashion: If the Irish want a parliament for local affairs, why let them have it. It may indeed be taken for granted that they would vote the institution tomorrow cheerfully. The question of greater import which would then arise would be: What will a parliament do for Ireland?

There can be no question of its usefulness. It would do a great deal for the country. It would pave the way and find the means for better things. But would it solve the real difficulties in the path of Ireland's progress? We put so much faith nowadays in representative government that most people are ready to say at once that a parliament in Dublin would settle all Irish grievances. The power to make the laws is certainly a noble one in opportunity. Unfortunately there are other laws not made in parliaments, which go on working in spite of the laws of parliaments. It to give the Church what would be is a serious question if they would not go on doing mischief for a century after Home Rule enlivened Dublin with a parliament.

Far more important at this moment to the Irish nation than any other matter whatever is the retention of the people on their own soil. The political agitation and the great reforms of the past fifty years do not seem to have affected one iota that disastrous outpouring of the race. It is only a question of time when Ireland will be actually depopulated if the drain continues. Will a Dublin Parliament find the means to stop it? Take a look at Canada before you answer Here is one of the noblest region of the globe, finely governed, happily administered, with a form of government modeled on this republic, a general parliament and provincial parliaments; yet every year it loses its surplus population to the United

dustry, the best wages and salaries, the greater opportunities are to be found in the United States and it is also very easy to reach them. No per of parliaments, no laws can hinder that condition. The Irish are leaving Treland because Ireland is. no longer endurable. Political, so cial, financial, educational conditions yet the people go to Scotland and Australia and America and Canada

hought to lie in Am is settled. The Irish leaders will have to change the sentiment shift the economic center of gravity before they can keep the people at

No parliament will do that or can do it. The National party can help to do it, national movements of any kind will help, the opening of fac tories and mines will help, but it will take a tremendous effort on the part of the race to heal the breach It is sad to think that at the mo ment Home Rule is arriving in Dub lin the great panacea should be only a minor factor in the great problem Still, Irishmen can hope that it will aid greatly to save the race from extinction in Ireland.

FRENCH BISHOPS WILL NOT SUBMIT.

The text of the letter drawn u by the French hierarchy at their re cent plenary meeting in Paris and read on September 23 in all the churches of France has been translated into English and shows that the French Bishops are as emphatic as the Holy Father in their absolute rejection of the "worship associa tions" and their determination to suffer any hardship rather than sub mit to the conditions imposed on the Church by the government.

The constitution of the Church the Bishops point out in their very clear and trenchant pronuncement has as its essential basis the authority of the hierarchy, divinely in stituted by Jesus Christ. The Church is a society governed by its pas tors, of whom the Pope is the chief and to whom alone belongs . the right of regulating everything that touches the exercise of religion impose on the Church in our country, by the sole authority of the civil power, a new organization. It declares that it will recognize, for the exercise of divine worship, only associations of citizens forming and governing themselves at their own discretion according to statutes of their own choice, which they will always be legally entitled to modify. If the necessary principle of the Catholic hierarchy seems to be implicitly contained in one of the articles of this law, it is only indicated in vague and obscure terms while it is too clearly disregarded

THE POPE'S AFFECTION FOR FRANCE.

in another article, which in cases of

conflict leaves the final decision to

the Council of State-that is to say,

to the civil power. This would be

equivalent to a lay constitution.

Pius X. has condemned it, and was

bound to do so. He has decreed

that 'the Associations Cultuelles, as

the law establishes them, cannot

possibly be formed without violat-

ing the sacred rights which pertain

to the very life of the Church.

The Pone's effection for France is only questioned by those who strive only questioned by those who strive simply the Vicar. The Saviour grant to stir up discord between France ed the Church a Constitution and a and the Holy See. The other day a Doctrine against which no human writer in a French newspaper obtained audience of Pius X., and he tells what passed between the Pontiff and himself on the occasion.

"Your Holiness knows." said the journalist, "that the enemies of the Church and of the Papacy say that the Pope does not love France; we now how false all this is; never heless I would be happy if you Why? Because the centers of in- Holiness would authorize me to proest loudly in your name again these malicious insinuations. those who are in power should cause the paternal heart of the Pope to bleed, France contains, however thousands and thousands of Catholics who have profound love, whose devotion is unalterable, the Sovereign Pontiff."

"Yes, my son," replied the Pope "protest, protest loudly," and the accompanied the words by striking the table with his hand; "protest and tell France that she still "possesses all my affection."

tary of State, His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val. Speaking of the

ire that the Holy See s demn the Republic pardon the Pope for not puttin down the Monarchists. Now the nal politis; Monarchists and publicans count in their ranks emi who have rendered great service to the Church. All have a right to the

Speaking of the law of Separation the Cardinal added:

"We have several times declared that it is necessary to distinguis the Government from the French ne tion: if to the Government the Holy See have given proof of the greates longanimity, what pledge of affect tion has it not given to the French question of the protectorate; every day the religious complain of being no longer protected; we have said to all of them, and we have peated it, that our thought is the French. It has been said that even I do not love the French. Why should I not love them? Before b ing called by the will of the Holy Father to this office I was not in diplomacy, as has been asserted; exercised a purely Apostolic minis-

me from your country, where count many friends. In the constrained to act in the way you cnow. Some have dared to that the Pope end, constrained to that by the financial question: that is an infamy. The Head of the Church may let finger be cut off, a hand, an arm he may allow himself to be completely despoiled, and live in absolute poverty, but he cannot ever could not ever traffic on the principles of the ecclesiastical hierarchy; ne absolutely has not the right do that."

PRINCE-PRIEST TOOK UP COL

What but the Catholic religion ould show such a spectacle as this: a prince of a reigning German hous preaching and collecting in a l'renc church in the French capital for the faithful of Alsace-Lorraine?

Such was the scene witnessed cently in the Church of St. Lawrence Paris, when H.R.H. Prince Max. of Saxony, once a tireless worker the poor in the Far East of London the brother of the present King Fre derick Augustus of Saxony, spok in favor of the missions of St. seph to help the needy in Alsace Lorraine, and to assure them the aids of religion. The five aisles of the church were filled, and the prince priest himself made the collection, a very good one.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Gaulois printed an interview which its correspondent at Rome had with Pope Pius X. on the Church and State separation law, quotes the Pontiff as saying:

"It is not I who condemn the law, but Christ, of whom the Pope The Separation law is contrary to Catholic doctrine and opposed to Divine rulings, is an unjust law and therefore carries no obligation to obey it."

The Pontiff said that he had only done his duty as commanded by the moral well-being of the Church, which exacted respect for the doctrines of the Church confided to his care.

"Providence," the Pope continued, will decide the future and fix the mundane consequences. My resolution was taken in pursuance to the will of God. I await Providence to make His designs manifest."

The Pontiff further declared

"It is not securary for the grament to "surrender Su-

plies the name of 'enemy' to in France. If the legislators mitted an error in good faith

nidst of so much that is distre in Church affairs in France, that ccording to Parisian papers every some closed brougham sets down of doors of St. Sulpice the wife of President of the French Republic and Mile. Fallières, who attend Mass with the utmost plety. This being the case, why does President Fallière punish poor postmen because allow their wives and children to go to distinguish to Mass and semetimes go to church themselves ? M Fallières was paricularly odd in his declarations on religious matters when at Marseilles. He congratulated the government on its vigorous action and assured his colonial guests that he intended that the ancient faiths of the aboriginals should be respected and that nothing should be said or done to diminish the faith of the natives in their ancient beliefs." So here i President Fallières sending his own wife and child to Mass, preventing soldiers, sailors and others function aries from going to Church, affirming that the "ancient beliefs of savages would be respected!"

> It appears from a calculation just published that the new General of the Society of Jesus, Father Francis Xavier Wernz, is the 25th occupan of that very important office, and the third who belonged to Germany. Amongst his 24 predecessors there were 5 Spaniards, 3 Belgians, 2 Germans, 1 Hollander, 1 Swiss, 1 Pole, and 11 Italians, two of whom were Romans. No Frenchman nor Englishman nor Irishman has been raised to that great office

The fact that the new General is a German created some annoyance in France among those who are gaged in persecuting the Church in that country. A writer in "Figaro" interviewed Father Bruck er a French Jesuit, who, in respons to his questions said:

"Our Fathers have for their only rule that of fixing their choice the Father professed of the Society -whatsoever his native country ma -who seems to them to pos the highest degree the qualities re charge in question, according to the constitutions of St. Ignatius-pruharshness: in one word, the qua lities of government, and, what

Several other religious orders have Germans as Generals, such as the Carmelites of the Observance, the Friars Minor, the Conventuals, and, one may add, the Capuchins, whose General belongs to German-speaking Switzerland.

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T. P. O'Connor's Memory Wins \$1.000 for the Cause

Michael J. Ryan and T. P. O'Conor arrived simultaneously in Philadelphia after seeing President Roosevelt. "I was delighted with the said cordiality of the President," "In every way the re-Mr. Ryan. ception was all that we could have sired." Mr. O'Connor was equally pleased. "It was a day well spent for Ireland," was his comment. An example of the marvellous me-

ed by Mr. O'Connor was given, when, in the lobby of the New Willard, he approached a man whose back was turned to him and "I beg your pardon, but are you

not Patrick Clarke, of Spokane? "I am," said the one addressed.

my last visit to America," said Mr. O'Gonnor, "and I remember well your enthusiasm for the Home tule movement. I am T. P. O'Con-

Mr. Clarke shook both hands of he Irish Parliamentary envoy for heeveral minutes. He told how several minutes. He told how he had advanced in prosperity until he is now one of the wealthiest mine-owners in the Northwest. "I am stronger for Home Rule than ever before, and better able to show my sentiments." he said. "In proof of this statement, I'm going to write out my check to Mr. Ryan for \$1000 for the good cause." Upon top of the Clarke check came the contribution of Cardimil Gibbons for \$10. sent a tele-ouncing the ct of this dous," said

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MGR. BEGIN.

A despatch from Rome His Grace Archbishop Beg raised to the Cardinalate next consistory, which wil n November or December.

L.C.B.A. WILL HOLD

The first euchre of the I tholic Benefit Association held next Monday evening, inst., at 8 o'clock, in St Hall. St. Alexander street

FRANCISCAN FATHER

At Cote des Neiges cem Sunday next, the 20th in Franciscan Fathers will p Way of the Cross at 3 o' which all who can are in

EMPRESS OF IREL

The prominent Irishmen Montreal, Ottawa and To pose presenting a large marine clock to the ss En Ireland, as a testimonia Thomas G. Shaughnessy. is, we understand, now ! and will be presented on er's next trip, toward

this month. Where Weakness is. Di Settle.—If one saffers from ganic weakness, inherited tracted, there disease will it attacks the body. The out the pains that beset let a cold or a cough he and keep the respiratory good healthy condition. can do by using Dr. Tho tric Oil. Prevention is

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Arrangements were mad last meeting of Loyola C tholic Order of Foresters, Euchre, to be held Monds October 22nd, in the "Re St. James and Fulford str ing from former entertain this kind given by Loyols easant evening is assure who attend. who attend. There a prizes offered, and a fine has been prepared.

COUNCIL OF ARTS A FACTURES.

evening classes u etion of the Council of Manufactures opened 15th inst. The follow are taught at the Mor tional: Technical ing, sign painting and ral drawing, lith gio, boot and si , ladies' dress millinery. The day, and the r