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John K. Barrett, Erg, Inspector in the Inland Revenue Department, Winnipeg, and his smisble lady, are at present opending a few holidays visiting their relatives in Ontario. While in this city he called on Grand Scoretary Brown, and expresses himself highly pleased with the system of book keeping and methods adopted in all the C. M. B. A. work in said (finite)'s office. Brother Barrett is theroughly conversant with office work, and is a gentleman, of whom, not only Branch 52, of which he is a member, but the whole Aesociation, may well feel proud.

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THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

MR. PARNELL SPEAKS.

RELAND WILL BE SATISFIED WITH NOTHING LESS THAN HOME RULE. NoTHING LESS THAN HOME RULE. London, Dec. 17 — Mr. Parnell ad-dressed a large meeting at Nottingham this afternoon. He declared there never had been a movement of such magnitude to the country which was so compara-tively free from crime as the Land League movement. The object of the Home Rule movement, he said, was to regenerate Ireland, especially with re-gard to her industrial condition. Con-tinuung, Mr. Parnell said manufactures might be developed to such an extert as to take the strain of the land and enable the people to look to other means than farming for gaining a living; but the idea was not tenshis that I reiand could be governed by Eng'and's promoting her idea was not tenshis that Ireiand could be governed by Eng'and's promoting her industries. Irishmen themselves must promote Irish industries by building harbours, clearing out the channels of rivers, and reclaiming waste lands—not at the expense of the English Exchequer but of the Irish Exchequer, or, best of all, through the efforts of local and in-dividual enterprise and with private capital. Mr. Balfour's plan of making railways through impoverished districts was a vain expenditure of money. Home Rule aimed at national regeneration, and this implied the regeneration of the industries and the industrial and com-mercial spirit of the people. If Home industries and the industrial and com-mercial spirit of the people. If Home Rule were granted it would not discour-age the rich people of England from pro moting industrial developments, but the money would be judiciously and advan-tageously employed, instead of being wasted as now to maintain in power a Government of fraud and trickery. Expenditure of that sort would enable Ireland to get and to keep her head above water, and so exercise and develop the qualities of her people that she would be no longer an exhibition for the wonder of the nations of the world. (Cheers.) Briefly referring to the Parnell Commission, the speaker said he believed D, the speaker sa the judges' report would not discredit the national movement. Mr. Parnell devoted the speech he made t_{-night} to the Tenants' League. He said this was by far the greatest and

nost powerful peaceable movement ever organised in Ireland or any other country. Although Ireland was tranquil she was not appeased. She did not submit. On the contrary, the people's dislike of the Government was tenfold more intense the Government was tenfold more intense for the experiences of three years of coercion. But the country, though it did not yield, was trauquil, because of the faith it had in the assurances of Mr. Gladstone that a triumphant Liberal party would soon give it its legitimate freedom. Mr. Parnell would not say that it

would be impossible to govern Ireland by mere coercion, but Mr. Balfour's mixture of coercion and constitutionalism would never succeed. Mr. Balfour had made never succeed. Mr. Balfour had made several mistakes. Among these was that he had neglected to provide for arrears of rent and for the restitution of evicted tenants. This had led to the formation of a new agrarian movement, which would sweep Mr. Balfour and his props away as chaff is swept before the which ind whirlwind.

If the Government had nothing to be ashamed of in its connection with the Times doubtless it would gratify curiosity Times doubtless it would grathy curtosity by making known the truth about the matter. The country wanted to know how iar the Government had gone in a course so mean and so thoroughly contrary to the English spirit as to attack men from ambush and by the use of such disreputable instruments. He knew the letters were forgeries, but he would rather have died than have accepted the vindication the Government offered him, The Parnell Commission, instead of try-ing the personal indictment, had tried the Irish nation and the movements of the Irish party.

the Irish party, Liverpool, Dec. 19 —At a banquet at which Mr. Parnell was entertained to night a cheque for \$17,500, the sum of the proceeds of the Liverpuol Tenants' De-fence Fund, was presented to him. In thanking the donors, he said he thought he was faily entitled to boast that he was the first Irishman who had been so trusted by Englishman, who had started this sub scription before Russell had won the victory for him. He sgain declared that the object of the Home Rule party was to secure the industrial development of Ireland. Why should the promoters of a plan of campaign that kept agitation free from crime be treated as criminals? Earl from crime be treated as criminals? Exil Spencer's coercion was directed at real crime, but Balfour's was only against shopkeepers for refusing to sell. I risbman had had in times past some justification for hostility to England, but now they entered juyfully hand in hand with English Liberals into a battle which he trusted was very near.

THE LITTLE STRANGER.

There is a popular household story that is repeated year after year to German children at the beginning of the Christmas holidays, to kindle the spirit of charity, which illustrates to the child mind the words of our Lord: "I was a stranger, and ye took Me in." In Germany every child passes through fairyland, and receives the great truths of moral and spiritual life in parables. The story is substantially as follows: In a little contage on the horders of a

In a little cottage on the borders of In a little cottage on the borders of a large forest there once lived a poor wood-chopper, with his wife and two children. He was a good and plous man, but was scarcely able to earn enough to provide food for his family. For all that he began his daily duties with prayer, and ended them with praise, and the family were vary hence.

very happy. His cuildren's names were Valenting and Marie.

and Marie. One snowy evening when the wood-chopper came home he brought with him some green boughs, and after the evening meal began to hang them over the mantie-

meal began to hang them over the mantle-plece. "Christmas is here," said he, "and I have no presents for you; but we will offar to the Lord the beautiful altars of grateful hearts. God will bless us." He then said grace at the simple table, as they gathered around it to partake of the evening meal. There came a knock at the door. "Who is there 7" asked the woodchop-per.

per. "A homeless child."

"A nomenes china, "Come in," A Child entered, very beautiful, but in regged clothing, and stood before the fire. "Who are you !" asked the woodchop per, kindly. "Whence do you come ?"

I am a stranger, and have no home,' answered the child.

answered the child. "Oome to the table, little stranger," said Marie. "There is not bread enough for us both ; you shall have my supper." "And I will let you elsep in my hed," said Valentine. "There is not room enough for two. I will sleep on the floor." The family sung their evening hymn,

"The woods are all silent."

and the little stranger quickly fell asleep

And the little stranger quickly left asleep in Valentine's bed. At midnight the family was awakened by the sound of music without the door. The storm had abated, and the stars shone clear in the cold sky. Very sweet music it was. "Hark !" said Marie. "It is the song

of children. Wast do they sing ?" "Listen !" said Valentine. The family was still, and the voices sang :

"O happy home, to heaven nighest, Wherein Thou, Little Stranger, liest." Like the softly attuned musical glasses seemed the music out of which rose the carol. The family heard it with delight. The song was repeated :

"O happy home, to heaven nighest, Wherein Thou, Little Stranger, liest."

Wherein Thou, Little Stranger, Hest." The music drifted away as in a cloud of light, higher and higher, and was lost in the air. In the morning the Little Stranger woke, and said that He must go. "You will be blessed," He said, simply, "because you took Me in. Take this sprig of evergreen," He added, breaking a twig from the tree that the cotter had breach home. "and plant it. and you

a twig from the tree that the cotter had broight home, "and plant it, and you shall one day know Who I am." It was a sprig of the fir. The cotter did as he was bidden, and the sprig grew, and the fir-tree bore silver nuts and golden apples, and Marie and Valentine never again knew the want of food or a bed or of an abundant Christmas table. It was the first Christmas-tree, Who was the Little Stranger ?

Who was the Little Stranger ?

THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC.

Ottawa Ultizen Dec. 20. Ottawa Citizen Dec. 20. Lust evening Miss O'Rielly, pianist of the Canadian College of Music, gave a pianoforte recital in the college hall in the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley and a very large and delighted audience. Miss O'Rielly had the assistance of the College Quartette, Misses Denzil and Ciuff and Mr. Rushton Dodd, The evening opened with Andante and Variations, Schubest, by the quartette, who also contributed "The Mul," Raff, and assisted in the Beethoven Con certe of 37. The playing of the quartette was not quite up to the usual standard, as in the andante the playing was lacking in precision, tone and ensemble. However, precision, tone and ensemble. However, the Concerto fully made up for short comings, being played with much greater purity of intonation, with good phrasing and elan. The singing of "Hybrias the Cretan" by Mr. Dodd, won for him the plaudits of the audience, as also did the duet with Muss Cluff. It is more particularly of the charming debutante however that we have to speak, and it is a pleasure to be able to say that the youg lady met all demands made It is a pleasure to be able to say that the young lady met all demands made on her. Her playing of Bach's Chromatic Fantasie and Fugue was characterized by clean crisp touch, wonderful technique and a sustaining power marveilous in one so slightly framed. Her delivery is clean, eharp and decisive, while her phrasing and creading of her subject to block in the same the reading of her subject to block in the same technic tec energ and declaive, while her phrasing and reading of her subject is bighly intelligent. In the trio of aubjects, "There Fantasie Pieces," op. 41, G.de; "Impromptu," op. 66, Chopin, and "Giga con Variazione," op. 91 Raff, Miss O'Reilly displayed a versatility of high order, combined with a capability of treating different masters in a manner artistic, and with all the required shades of touch and tone nower. For her shades of touch and tone power. For her rendition Miss O'Reilly was presented during the evening with a magnificent fi rai tribute in the shape of a basket of flowers.

Beneath the Syrian Stars.

JOAQUIN MILLER, Dear Bethlehem, the proud repose Of consolous worthiness is thine. Rest on. The Areb comes and gres. But farthest Maxon holds thy shri More served in his stouter Othisian Than Eugland's heaped iron house o

Thy stony bill is heaven's s'air, Thine every stone some storied gem. Thine every stone some storied gem. Oh, then art fair, and very fair, Thou holy, holy is biblehem ! Thy very dust more dear than dust of gold Against thy glorious sunset waters rolled.

And here did glean the lowly Ruth 1 Here strode her grandson fi-roe and fair-Strode forth in all his king'y youth And tore the rayening she bear! Here Richel sleeps. Here David, thirsting,

oried For just one drop from yonder trickling tide.

THE LATE MRS. CRUICKSBANK.

We briefly announced last week the demise of this estimable and venerable lady. She had been a resident of Lon-don for nearly sixty years, baving arrived here in the year 1832. On the 16th instant occurred her death, at her family peridence theadily street. She was

here in the year 1832. On the 16th instant occurred her death, at her family residence, ricadilly street. She was a native of Scotland, and brought with her and retained through life the faith of her fathers, dying, as she had lived, an honor to that faith, an honor to the land of her birth and the country of her adoption, and an honor likewise to a large and higbly-enteemed family. Her husband, Mr. John Oruickshank, died in the year 1833 Up to that date he had carried on business on the spot where now atands the Masonic Temple, and such was his success that his family were left in very comfortable circumstances. Mrs. Oruickshank leaves a family of six children to mourn the loss of a model mother. One of them, the eldest, is Madam Oruicksbank, Religious of the Sacred Heart. The others are Mrs. Samuel Barker, of Hamilton; Miss Cruickshank, James, John and Charles. It may be said that, since the death of her husband, Mrs. Cruickshank lived a life of retirement. The performance of good worke, a helping hand to the needy, a word of cheer and comfort to the sorrowing, a scrupulous guardianship over her family-and to her law in the sorrowing is a scrupulous guardianship a word of cheer and comfort to the sorrowing, a sorupulous guardianship over her family—all these, prompted by the instincts of the ancient faith of Scot-land—may be said to be her life work. The funeral took place on Wednesday, 19th, from her late residence to St. Peter's Cathedral, where a Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of her soul by Rev. M. J. Tiernan. The sing ing of the choir was of a very solemn and touching character, the assistance of Mr. John Dromgole adding very materially to render the service a most imposing one.

After Mass Rov. M. J. Tiernan ad-After Mass Rov. M. J. Tiernan ad-dressed a large congregation in terms most touching as well as eminently be-fitting the occasion. Another of the old pioneers, said he, has left us. One by one they drop away—their work completed, and heaven opens its portals to bestow the reward. The noble and saintly lady whose lengthened years wore passed in our midst is now numbered with the dead, her pure soul taking flight to that blessed abode where partings, and heart burnings, and sore trials, and earnest and patient strivings are unknown— where all is holy joy and happiness, and patient strivings are upknown-where all is holy joy and happiness, enduring forever and forever. It is in-deed a sore trial to part with those we love-to say good-bys to those who have been with us for a life-time. It is a sore trial for affectionate children to bid adieu to the dearest and sweetest being that God bestows on the world-s fond that God bestows on the world—a fond and sainly mother. For the loss of such a one there must be grief as long as the world endures, and a child will ever sorrow when memory recalls her goodness and holiness, while the heart reflects the likeness of the loving one departed. But while grief will have way, is it not a blessed con-solation to know that there is a bright hereafter, and that another meeting will take place. where parameter

meeting will take place, where parents meet their children, and where the dearest friends may renew their friend ships. Such a hereafter the Catholic heart hoks for and works for and our

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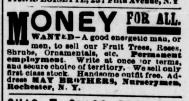
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God Bless Us All.

God bless us all ! With Finy Tim 'The thus we fluich prayer and hymn, While oncerlly from ilp to ilp The Christoms wishes sayly trip : God bless us all, the circle round, Wherever are our dear opes found ; At home, shroad, please God. we say, God bless His own on Christmas Day !

God bless the golden heads arow Where ruldy hearth fiames leap and g God bless the baby hads that clasp Heart fib west to their cluging grasp; G d bless the youth with eag-r gase; God bless the sage of lengthened days; At home, abroad please God, we cry, Gou guard His own, 'neath any sky !

God ease the weary ones who bear A combering weight of grief and care; God give the wage no ill can spoll, The konest loaf for honest tol; We round the heartfelt prayer and bymu, And b eathe Amen with finy Tim, As reverently, please God, we say, God bless us all on Christmas Day! MARGARET E. SANGTSER.

The French working men who made their pilgrimage to Rome were greatly honored. The great treasures of the Church were displayed and explained to them by ecclestatics specially deputed for the purpose and, besides being presented to the Pope, they assisted at his Mass and some thousands received the Holy Communion from his hands. The workingment here here and the ex-penses of their pilgrimsge, for the most part Arrangements were made with the railway companies and boarding houses to been the negative dynamics and the rail way to be a set of the keep the necessary expenses within moderate limita

A cathedral which will cost \$100,000 is to be erected at Seattle, Washing on.

A PAPER WORTH READING.

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divine faith is the beacon light that points the way as we take our steps through this world of change and sorrow and parting. The children of Mrs. Cruickshank may, indeed, look forward to this second meeting, for her We to this second meeting, for her life was one having our blessed Redeemer for a model ; and, this being the case, a place has been accorded her in His beautiful home in heaven. At the conclusion of the services in the

At the conclusion of the services in the cathedral the large funeral cortege pro-ceeded to St. Peter's cemetery, where the remains were interred. The pall-bearers on the occasion were Mesers. Samuel Barker, Wm. Reid, James Wilson, Alexander Wilson, John and Charles Crutekabark Cruickshank.

Irish Lullaby.

I'd root my own sweet childle to rest in a cradle of gold on a bougn of the willow, To the sho-heen sho of the wind of the west and ho hoo lo of the soft sea billow. Bleep, baby dear, Bleep without fear. Mother is here beside your pillow.

I'd put my own sweet childle to sleep in a silver boat on a beautiful river, Where a sho heen whisper the white cas-cades, and a sho hoo to the green flags shiver.

shiver. Bleep, baby dear, Bleep without fear, Mother is here with you forever.

Bho hoo lo i to the rise and fail of mother's bosom 'tis sies has bound you. And O, my child, what coster nest for roster rest could jove have found you ? Sleep, baby dear, Bieep without fear. Mother's two arms are clasped around you.

ALFRED PERCIVAL GRAVES.

While the wings of sleep enfold thee Angels chant the prayer eternal Lullaby, sweet, lullaby !

Prof. Leisette's Memory System is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country and persons wishing to imprive their memory snould send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column.

The question was recently submitted to the people of Lucerne whether the so-called 'Old Ostholics" should be admitted to St. Mary's Church. The proposal was to St. Mary's Church. The negatived by 18,000 to 290.

There are one hundred and twenty-two members in a new association of the Catholic students of Ann Harbor Univer sity. The association is called the Bishop Foley Guild.

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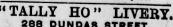
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