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of all is the weakening of religious belief and of the morality which has hitherto been bound up with it. The public men of past generations may not have been exemplary Christians, or have carried much Christian sentiment into their practical statesmanship. Still, they professed and revered certain principles of righteousness and humanity, which in a measure restrained their action, and which are now giving way to ideas derived from the Darwinian theory of the struggle for existence, and from the belief, cynically avowed in certain quarters, that might makes right. History, however, recounts the flow of many tidal waves, which swelled as high as jingoism in their day, then ebbed and left no trace upon the sand."

Touching our remarks of last week upon Hon David Mills' obligation to Sir Ellis Ashmead Bartlett for the material of his Transvaal speech in the Senate, comes news of the most suggestive nature. Roster's Constantinople agent cables as follows: "Sir E. Ashmead Bartlett has at length obtained concessions for electric traction in Smyrna and Salonica, for which he has been negotiating such a long time. 'Ikdam,' a Palace organ, commenting on the grant of these concessions, says—'Sir E. Ashmead Bartlett is one of the most distinguished well wishers of the Imperial Ottoman Government. It is, therefore, only meet that he should be the first to receive a concession of this nature. For twenty odd years past, during which he has been a member of the House of Commons, his speeches have testified to his sound and impartial judgment. He has demonstrated his friendship towards Osman Pasha in a manner which can leave no doubt in the mind of anyone.'"

We submit that Sir Ellis has equally demonstrated his friendship towards the Sage of Bothwell by supplying him with material for a speech that fairly knocked the Senate off its legs. And it is now Mr. Mills' turn to be as generous as Abdul Hamid. There are concessions going for a song in the Yukon to every "Dan" and "Bill" in the country. The government has an all-Canadian line to build into the gold region; and Sir Ellis, the devoted friend of Osman Pasha and David Mills, should not be kept waiting too long, else he may think that his Canadian friends are niggardly. It would never do to allow such an impression to get rooted in his mind. We never know when we may be called upon again to "stand by the empire right or wrong," and it is always well to have a first-class pamphleteer in our confidence upon whom we may rest the national opinion of Canada. When Abdul Hamid can show his gratitude for similar services by granting the pamphleteer concessions in Smyrna and Salonica, Canada should not lose a moment in going the Ottoman government one better. We look to Mr. Mills to promote this laudable purpose in an elaborate article in the Canadian Magazine.

A view of the struggle of the Catholic people of Ireland for justice in the matter of university education, the following remarks of The Freeman's Journal are significant: "We publish a contemporary 'a tabulated list of the distinctions won by the various colleges at the recent examinations of the Royal University. The list brings out more strongly the wonderful achievement of our Catholic unendowed colleges as compared with the heavily en-

dowed Queen's Colleges in Cork and Galway. Queen's College, Belfast, has a most creditable record, and heads the list with 49 distinctions. But considering its heavy handicap the position of University College, Stephen's green, with 34 distinctions, is a success of a far more striking kind. We have already referred to the distinguished position in the list obtained by the Loretto College, St. Stephen's green, and by St. Mary's University College, Merrion square. We are glad to notice the high places secured by an unendowed provincial college—Mungret College, Limerick, which is conducted by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. It will be seen that Mungret College, with a total of 20 distinctions far out-distances Queen's College, Galway, which has a total of but 26, while Queen's College, Cork, has not achieved even one solitary distinction."

With regard to what we said last week about the refusal of the Ritualists in the English church to obey the recent decision of the Archbishop of Canterbury and York, we find the grounds of the refusal stated by a leading Ritualistic authority. Preaching at St. Ethelburga's Church, Rev. Dr. Cobb, Assistant-Secretary of the English Church Union, said the Archbishop's decision was based upon a secular law which practically laid down that the Church was the bond slave of the State. The sole course left was to demand disestablishment. He was certain disestablishment would be successful at the next general election.

One thousand delegates were present in Chicago last week representing two hundred societies and speaking in the name of 150,000 German-speaking American Catholics. Among the resolutions passed were the following:

"That we are prostrate with grief and shame at the reports of the indignities offered God and our holy religion in the name of our nation and under the shadow of our glorious banner, which we always believed and still do believe to be the emblem of liberty, of conscience and equal respect for all forms of religion."

"That we raise our solemn protest against these high handed outrages and call upon our representatives in congress to cause an immediate investigation of these matters so nearly concerning every lover of the fair name of this country, but more especially every Catholic citizen in the United States."

"That we will do our utmost to arouse general condemnation of the sacrilegious actions of our soldiers and the contempt shown our religion by their superiors in letting them go unpunished; that we will to this end agitate for mass meetings and protests everywhere and among all classes of citizens, and not cease with our agitation until we are assured that our government has investigated the reported outrages and taken steps to prevent them in the future."

Mr. Cantley, the eminent barrister, who has been heard more than once in Toronto, has been made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, by Pope Leo. The Tablet pays the following well deserved tribute to Mr. Cantley upon this honor. Known and esteemed the world over as a singer, Mr. Cantley has since his conversion been uniting in zealous effort for the interests of the Church and of Catholic charity. Not only has he given the regular assistance of his superb voice to the services of the Church, but he has willingly undertaken the fatiguing duty of

conducting choirs. He has also devoted his talent to the composition of Masses, the devotional dignity of which won for them special appreciation. All this unparing labour has been done without thought of the personal sacrifice it frequently entails. Whilst his fellow-Catholics in this country congratulate him on the reception of so well-deserved a distinction from the august Father of Christianity, we are sure that the wider circle of his friends in all parts of the world will rejoice in the recognition that it has accorded to his eminence as a singer and his generosity as a Christian man.

A Catholic Will.

The following are extracts from the will of the late Recorder De Montigny of Montreal:

"I give my soul to God, who I hope will order that it come to Him as I have asked daily, on a day consecrated to the Holy Virgin, to whom, many years since, I confided all my merits."

"I leave to the discretion of my children to pray and have others pray for me, relying upon their goodness of heart which will understand all that I suffered for it."

"I order implicitly that my funeral be most humble, placing my body in my gown of French origin, in a pall bearing the crucifix and my kepi of Zouave."

The hearse will be drawn by two horses to the church or one of the chapels of the parish where I die and that a mass of the lower class be said or chanted at half past eight o'clock, my friends being requested not to send any flowers."

"I recommend to my children, as the secret of their happiness, to govern themselves according to the rules of the Catholic religion."

"God submitted me to sufferings in body and soul: I ask pardon of all whom I may have offended or hurt, as I forgive with all my heart all who may have contributed to make me suffer, because they were but the instruments of God, who, of the mercies he granted me, the signal privilege of never having been wanting in my duties, without having been severely punished."

"I will die comparatively poor and my heirs will have to submit necessarily to the laws of labour, justly light and agreeable, when it is religiously accepted as are all burdens when properly borne."

Let them remember the lesson given by the Master of Calvary that with the same cross one may lose or save himself according to the spirit, in which it is accepted."

"To assist them as best I can to support life, I ask those who are charged with the execution of my last will to give to those of my children who have not yet received it at the time of my death the best possible Christian education in keeping with the means which I leave."

"If it pleases some one to write anything upon my humble existence they may mention, that I am of the Order of St. Francois D'Assise and of the Novitiate Adoration and of some other societies and my children and my friends who love me sincerely will have more consolation in learning that I belonged to those Phalanxes of Prayer, rather than to clubs of amusement which I blamed for all."

"I desire that from the pulpits and through the press I be recommended to the prayers of the faithful and that they ask for me pardon for all offences towards my fellow-men."

"I pray to God that the little I may leave my children shall not be for them an occasion of discord; let them be united in the future and may they be led against all dangers to Heaven, where I hope to meet them with their alliance."

Mr. De Montigny's wish, expressed in the opening sentence of this will, was realized. He died on the day set apart for the feast of the Assumption.

Rev. Father Quilivan.

The Montreal True Witness of Aug 19 says: "We made inquiries at the Hotel Diet regarding the condition of Rev.

Father Quilivan, who recently underwent a very painful operation. It is a source of much satisfaction to us to be able to announce that the esteemed pastor of St. Patrick's has still further improved since we last referred to him. His progress towards recovery is necessarily slow, as the part operated upon is tender and tardy in healing. It may be said, however, that his complete recovery is only a matter of time, the danger stage—if ever there was really any—having been safely passed."

Diocese of London.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—At St. Peter's Cathedral yesterday morning, Father Tierman, took leave of the congregation. There was not a dry eye in the church. The reverend father was deeply moved, but he bore himself strong and cheerfully. Only once his voice broke, and he passed over with emotion.

High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father L'Houez, Rev. Father Ladoeur, warden, and Rev. Father Cleary sub-deacon. His Lordship the Bishop of London occupied the episcopal throne and was attended by Rev. Father Tierman.

At the Gospel, Rev. Father Tierman ascended the pulpit. He spoke briefly upon the text, Luke, vii., 11 to 16, and then addressed his hearers as follows:

My dear brethren, I wish now to direct your mind to a different theme. No doubt you were all more or less surprised at the announcement made by his lordship, our good bishop, in his address last Sunday. Well, it was no surprise for me. It was just what I asked for, and, therefore, my dear brethren, I this morning most gratefully and most cordially thank our good bishop for granting me my request viz.: a few weeks' vacation. "Not only a few weeks, but three months and more, if necessary," replied the bishop. Could he be more kind and generous than this? and what is still more in my favor, that on my return he will give me a home commensurate with my present position and relieve me of the onerous duties of cathedral rectory. If, therefore, any misunderstanding or misinterpretation as regards his lordship's words last Sunday have gone abroad in the parish, I wish, here and now, to rectify these misunderstandings or misinterpretations and to state to you that what he said was my own seeking; that although you will not have Father Tierman to go to your trials, troubles and sorrows, you will have your good and zealous bishop, and you will also have Fathers Alward and McKenna to have recourse to."

Now, it remains for me to say to you farewell! Since my coming among you, nearly 25 years ago, when I was then a young priest, I have ever found you to be kind and generous; and for the good will you have manifested towards me, I now return you my sincere and heartfelt thanks; and rest assured, dear brethren, that I will ever cherish for you the fondest recollections. And how could it be otherwise? You know that whenever we enter any new sphere of life, that the first actions and words which we perform in that new sphere are never forgotten by us. Though memory may fail in other things, it will never forget those. Well, I came among you in the very beginning of my priestly career. The holy oils that anointed a minister of the Most High God were scarcely dry upon me when I began the work of the ministry by preaching to you the word of God and dispensing to you those life-giving and life-saving sacraments that fit us for immortality, and this work I have continued ever since in your midst. And, think you, I can ever forget it? No; never; and you, my dear brethren, with whom those works have been associated, I will ever kindly remember. I now bid you farewell, and I ask you daily to remember me in your prayers during my absence, that I may return to the diocese strong and vigorous, well fitted to do God's work in this portion of his vineyard."

Shamrock in American Waters.

New York, August 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton's cup challenger, Shamrock, with her consort, the steam yacht Erin, arrived off Sandy Hook at eight o'clock this morning. She was under her own sail, consisting

of her ketch rig, or mainsail and fore-sail. Her arrival was unexpected. She left the Clyde on August 2, taking only sixteen days for passage. She was not expected to arrive here before August 25 at the earliest, and her quick trip will give yachting sharp something to think about.

On the passage across she was sighted but once. Then she was in tow of the Erin. It was calm at the time. It is surmised that the Erin's steam had considerable to do with the Shamrock's quick passage towing her when the wind was light and following her when it permitted her to make good time under canvas.

From the Shamrock's main truck flew the private signal of her owner, the Green Shamrock in a yellow field with green borders. The ensign of the British naval reserve had been hoisted to the head of her yawl mast. She is painted a light green and although not very beautiful in her present rig she looks to be a sassy craft. The steam yacht Erin followed close in her wake. She is painted white, flew the owner's private signal from the fore truck, and the naval reserve ensign floated over the taffrail. The yachts, as they passed the Hook, were saluted by the marine observers.

The late Mrs. John Vaughan.

We have to chronicle this week the death of a venerable and esteemed lady, Mary Vaughan, relict of John Vaughan, one of the pioneers of the township of Ramsey, in Essex County. The deceased, who had lived to the patriarchal age of eighty-three, died at Ottawa City, where she spent her declining years with her daughter Miss Ann Vaughan. Mrs. Vaughan left a numerous connexion of relatives in London, Liverpool and Chicago, who will all sincerely regret her demise. She was a daughter of John Walsh, formerly of Westport, County Mayo, Ireland. She was a sister of the late Rev. Thomas Walsh, of London, England, and a sister-in-law of the former Bishop of West Hamley, in Carlton County, Canada, the Rev. Edward

Vaughan, whose name is held in loving remembrance by his surviving parishioners. The funeral of Mrs. Vaughan took place to St. Bridget's Church, Ottawa, and was attended by a large number of citizens, testifying the esteem in which the deceased lady was held. Rev. Canon McCarthy chanted the solemn Mass of Requiem, after which the cortege proceeded to the West Huntley Chapel Cemetery, where interment was made in the burial ground of the Vaughan family. Requiescat in pace.

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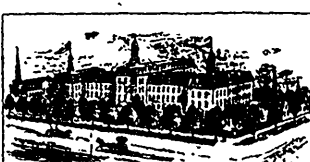
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