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The Centre of Christian Unity.

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There are three hundred and seven sects, yet there is but one God, one truth, one faith, one spirit, one way, one fold, one shepherd, and one true Church.

UNITY FROM THE EXTENSION OF THE INCARNATION.

It has been shown that "the Spirit of God dwelleth in you" (1 Cor., III, 16), and that "your bodies are the members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bone" (Ephes., I, 22-23).

The union between Christ and the Church is likened to the relation between man and wife, the Church being called his bride.

The Incarnation is a sublime mystery unexplained and unexplainable, and yet it was not doubted by the Reformers.

UNITY BY INTERPENETRATION.

Redemption satisfied God's justice, but it was not enough to satisfy divine love. The end of all love is unity, identity, oneness of all existence, bodily and spiritual.

A Dublin Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, April 10.—The steamer North Cambria, from Baltimore for Hamburg, leaking, with her bows stove and her fore compartment full of water.

Home Rule for Scotland.

LONDON, April 12.—Parliament seems about to open in a listless fashion after the Easter recess. It is understood the Government will, at an early date, push the Tithes Bill to a vote.

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Interesting Items gleaned from all Quarters of the Globe.

Prince Henri d'Orleans, the son of the Duc de Chartres, is exploring in Central Asia, and hopes to penetrate from Siberia into China across the plateau of Thibet.

Right Rev. Dr. Pagan, S.J., Bishop of Mangalore, one of the most flourishing of the Indian missions, is paying a short visit to Europe in the interest of his mission.

Cardinal Paroche has just caused to be canonically erected in the Eternal City the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, the main object of which is the conversion of England to its ancient faith.

The editor of the English Illustrated Magazine announces as a part of a series of articles on the great public schools of England, an illustrated account of Stonyhurst, by its Rector, the Rev. R. Colley, S.J.

M. de Lessaps's eldest daughter Fernanda is to be married after Easter to a grandson and cousin of her father, M. le Comte de Gontaut de Biron, who represented Marshal MacMahon's Government at Berlin.

Mr. John Dillon is expected to reach Ireland in the middle of April. He has benefited greatly in health by his rest in Colorado, and he is returning by the New Orleans route under the advice of his physicians.

The report that the German Emperor intends to convoke a conference to consider the project of general disarmament has been semi-officially contradicted from Berlin.

The gold medal which the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, presents on Easter Sunday to some deserving American Catholic layman, was this year sent to William F. Oshann, of Chicago.

The Rev. W. A. Scott Robertson (Anglican), Honorary Canon of Canterbury, insists in a letter to the Times that the priests whose remains were sent by Father Morris, S.J., in the Cathedral, is Hubert Walter and not Stephen Langton.

A priest named Giacomo Bartini Morini was strangled in the back in one of the streets of Livorno on the 24th ult. The rev. gentleman, who was ordered only a few months ago to resign, was a personal confessor, and a hatred against him is probably the cause of the dastard deed.

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M. Frère Orban, who is now 78 years of age, has become the senior member of the House of Chamber through the death of Mr. de Hasse. He deceased prelate, whose name was well known in England owing to his connection with the Daaf and Damb Institute at Boston Spa, had reached the patriarchal age of 86.

The following works have been placed on the Index:—"Mémoires sur Quelques Questions religieuses non temporelles, par M. de Paris," by Rev. J. M. Baillot, Curé de la Madeleine de Beaumont; "Judas de Kerlot," a dramatic poem by Frederick Suler, a Spaniard; and "Il Nuovo Rosmini," a literary and scientific periodical published at Milan.

St. Joseph's Convent Milwaukee, a beautiful edifice on the outskirts of the city, was burnt to the ground. Three of the Sisters were so hemmed in by the flames that they had to jump from an upper story. Two were caught on the mattresses placed beneath them, but a third fell with a crash on the pavement, and it fatally injured.

The Indo-European Correspondence of Calcutta announces that the Rev. C. W. Townsend, whose conversion was recently announced, has entered the Novitiate of the Society of Jesus at Trochennes (near Ghent) in Belgium. The mission of Western Bengal (worked by the Belgian Province of the Society) is to be his future field of labour.

The Marchioness of Bute has just created a handsome chapel to the memory of her father, the late Lord Howard of Glossop, on a remote island of the Hebrides, called Canna. The chapel, which has cost about £3,000, is for the accommodation of the natives, who number about ninety, and engage in the lobster-fishing and in keeping their crofts.

The Spanish committee which has undertaken to organize a national celebration of the fourth centenary of the discovery of America has decided to hold a great exhibition at Madrid in honour of the event, in 1894, and to erect monuments at Palos, La Rápida, Barcelona, Salamanca, Valladolid, and Granada, the places where Columbus stayed during his residence in Spain.

Dr. John Gilmary Shea is writing a history of the Church in its first century in the United States. No better hand could be found for this great task, and the American Catholic being resolved that he shall be perfectly free for the work and have command of all the resources necessary for its completion, are raising a special fund to be placed at his disposal while the book is being written.

The Rev. Father MacDonell, of St. Kieran's, Campbelltown, comments in the theologia press on a speech in which Mr. Pinkerton, the non-Catholic member for Galway, made some disparaging remarks on the papal Rescript. Referring to John Mitchell, Father MacDonell says: "I knew nothing about him, but if a Catholic he must be very ignorant one."

taxable from the sanction of the act; bill No. 63, which does away with the provision making legal holidays of the Epiphany, Ascension, Immaculate Conception and All Saints, printing of the statutes in English only. "The word," says Le Manitoba, "used by the Free Press is correct and we repeat it; not Legislation but Persecution." The journal adds that during the two months of the session hardly a day passed without some attack being made on the Catholic religion or French language.

St. ANN'S Y.M. SOCIETY. Grand Dramatic Entertainment to be Given by Them Next Week.

The St. Ann's Young Men's Society have a rich treat in store for their patrons next week. The dramatic section of the Society are now rehearsing two plays which have been specially written for them by J. Rooney Martin, and which will be presented for the first time in St. Ann's hall on the 23rd inst.

GREGORY THE GREAT.

A Few Roman Traditions Concerning His History.

His Descent from the Noble Family of Anicians, Whose Ancestor, Anicius Paulinus, Narrowly Escaped Martyrdom for the Faith.

A few Roman traditions of Pope Gregory the Great will be of interest to readers, as we are on the eve of the 13th centenary of his election to the Pontificate. All ancient writers are agreed in the descent of St. Gregory the Great from the noble Anician family, whose ancestor the Senator, Anicius Paulinus, narrowly escaped martyrdom for the faith under Maximian, while Constantine was marching upon Rome.

His Father was Gordian, Senator of Rome, afterwards Cardinal and his mother Sylvia, who early dedicated herself to a life of holiness. According to a legend to be found in many different dialects in Italian folk-lore, Gregory's parents were within the forbidden degree; forced to separate, ever afterwards leading a life of penitence.

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New Tipperary, to which he is returning in the monument of a test-struggle between landlord and tenant, in which the tenant is steadily getting the upper hand.

The people of old Tipperary steadfastly set themselves against the extortions of the Smith-Barry syndicate, and vowed to let the grass grow in the streets of their city, rather than pay tribute to the evictor.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

The Work of Last Session Terminated Persecution, Not Legislation.

Le Manitoba publishes a list of the bills passed during the session of the Manitoba Legislature, which has just been closed, and which it terms as "odious measures hitherto unknown in Canada."

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THE CONSERVATIVE JONAH.

Attempt to Throw Over Secretary Matthews.

LONDON, April 13.—The Conservatives are smiting over their defeat at Carnarvon, where a Liberal has been elected to a seat formerly occupied by a Conservative.

Irish Landlord's Repudiate Balfour's Bill.

DUBLIN, April 10.—The committee of the land owners' convention having under consideration the Government's Irish Land Purchase Bill, passed a resolution to-day that the measure in its present form is most injurious to the interests of land owners.

Two Famous Men Dead.

PERKIN, April 12.—Marquis Teeng, the well-known Chinese statesman and former minister to the Courts of London, Paris and St. Petersburg, is dead.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Congressman Samuel J. Randall, the most famous Democratic protectionist in Congress, died at 5 o'clock this morning.

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CONGRESSMAN RANDALL.

Mr. Randall had been ill for the past two years, and during the past year took very little part in the proceedings in Congress. He was born in Philadelphia in 1828, and received an academic education, after which he engaged in mercantile pursuits.

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On arriving at a platform which had been erected opposite the mart the procession halted. A meeting was promptly organized. Upon taking the chair Canon Cahill presented addresses to the English visitors from the Town Commissioners and the Tenant's Defence committee.

Mr. O'Brien, who was the next speaker, received an ovation. He said he was delighted to find himself again in the thick of the fight. The scene they were now witnessing had no parallel in the history of Ireland.

Mr. Davitt, replying to Mr. Leake's toast "Ireland a Nation," dwelt upon the significance of the daily increasing number of English visitors in Ireland.

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