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The Gombeen Man Scourge of Irish Peasants.

A gloomy picture of the condition of the small farmers in the congested districts in the west of Ireland was drawn the other day by Father Flattery of Claire Island in evidence which he gave at Leamane, Ireland, before the royal commission on congestion.

Tribute to Rome.

Edward Hutton, in his book "The Cities of Umbria," pays this tribute to Rome. It is difficult to see how it could have been written by a Protestant, or one who denied her authority.

One Leg in the Grave.

An Auckland correspondent sends us an extract from a "religious" weekly, with the following words heavily underlined: "Romanism has one leg in the grave."

that came before them, and cases had been known in which they compelled drunken and impecunious doctors who were in their power to minimize the seriousness of assault cases which came before them.

A Rejoicing Parish.

The people of St. Paul's parish, Toronto, on Friday last and the following days celebrated the 25th anniversary of the ordination of their parish priest, Rev. Father Hand.

Dublin's Temperance Day.

Dublin has a Temperance Day—a new holiday come to stay and to become a National holiday—inaugurated last year by the Dublin Workmen's Temperance Committee.

France Preparing to Rob the Dead.

Writing in Le Patriote, of Paris, Senator G. de Lamarzelle says it seems certain that when the French Chambers meet again they will formulate new laws for the further spoliation of the Church.

EXCOMMUNICATED.

A press despatch from Rome, date of October 30, says: "A pamphlet entitled 'The Programme of the Modernists,' which was issued the other day as an answer to the recent Papal encyclical, has now brought excommunication upon the anonymous authors."

Thoughtful Comments

On the Pope's Defence of Christian Truth in Recent Encyclical. A correspondent of the New York Sun, in a letter regarding the recent Papal condemnation of modern errors, says that the new encyclical and syllabus are simply reaffirmations of the old faith.

A SECULAR EDITOR'S VIEW.

Many thoughtful outsiders share this view. Says the editor of the Hornell, N.Y., Daily Times: "To those who think, the Pope's encyclical can be expressed within no narrow bounds of creed. Bigotry and hatred must vanish before the onslaught of a 'modernism' that threatens, not merely the Catholic Church, but every altar and every pulpit."

The Irish Priesthood.

Replying to the fortnightly Review to some strictures on the Irish clergy by certain prejudiced Protestants and certain disgruntled or apostate Catholics—whose names need not be mentioned, since most of them are unfamiliar on this side of the Atlantic.—Katharine Tynan, after some general observations as clever as they are apropos, goes on to say:

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Correspondence. Vatican Will Preserve.

NOT THE FAULT OF THE CHURCH.

The following letter has been sent to the Montreal Star for publication: Editor of the Star: Sir,—The following appeared in Thursday's issue of your paper: "There will be no Thanksgiving turkey today for the members of the Catholic Church."

THE STANDARD'S LUSH GIRL

Editor True Witness: Sir,—Continuing its series of humorous (?) tales, the Standard of Sunday last gives its readers an account of a supposed visit paid to the Anglican Cathedral on St. Catherine street recently by an Irish girl from the "ould" sod.

HEALY, M. P.

(From the London Tribune.) "Healy is up!" When the magic words go round there is a swift hurrying into the Chamber, for nobody can afford to miss the pigmy Tim. Somebody will write before he finishes. His vitriolic wit never slumbers, and he is restless outside a fight.

The Fine Arts Department, at Rome, Italy, issued a circular recently, regarding the preservation of ancient monuments and objects of art now in the churches and hence kept by the clergy.

The Vatican evidently considers the circular a threat and Mgr. Benigni, Under Secretary for Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, has written a pamphlet containing practical instructions to the clergy for the preservation of ecclesiastical documents and monuments. This is more complete and more practical than any issued by the Fine Arts Department. It is therefore probable that the artistic and archeological treasures of the Church will not only be better catalogued and preserved in the future than those of the State, but better illustrated. Every diocese must have a special commission to carry out the instructions. Special lectures will be given at the Seminary, and members of the clergy will be requested to examine, study and illustrate the different monuments and artistic relics in their diocese. The Vatican Library will be entrusted with the work of repairing and interpreting old manuscripts and books.

Mr. Redmond's Policy Vindicated.

From Dublin comes a dispatch to the effect that John Dillon, member of parliament for East Mayo, who took up his political activities again ten days ago, continues to support John E. Redmond, the leader of the Irish party, and his colleagues. Another letter from Mr. Dillon was read at Tipperary on Saturday in which the writer vindicated Mr. Redmond's policy.