

THE CONFERENCE.—No day has yet been fixed for holding the proposed conference on Home Rule, while the growing divergence of opinion amongst the three classes of Nationalists, Federalists, Simple Repellers and Compound Repellers rapidly increases.

A marriage has been arranged to take place between Mr. Bellingham, eldest son of Sir Alan Bellingham, Bart., of Castle Bellingham, County Louth, and Lady Constance Noel, daughter of the Earl of Gainsborough.

HOW TO DEAL WITH DRUNKENNESS.—At the Templemore petty sessions a man was sentenced to three months imprisonment with hard labour for being drunk and assaulting the police; and another person was fined 45 and costs, or in default of payment to be imprisoned for two months with hard labour, for being drunk and very disorderly in a public-house in Templemore.

THE CALLAN CASE.—The Catholic Union of Ireland publishes the following:—The anti-Catholic organs of anti-Catholic prejudices are, as they have always been, careless and inexhaustible in the work of misrepresentation. The Standard furnished a notable illustration. In an article on the action of the Board of National Education at its meeting of Tuesday, on the painful events that have gained such notoriety for Callan, it is implied that the result arrived at was the resolution of a purely Catholic majority. This is simply untrue.

The practical expressions of adhesion to the national principle of Home Rule multiply daily in every part of the country. It is evident that the movement is gradually absorbing into the ranks of its supporters the energy, talent, and popular influence of Ireland. On Monday, a conference of the Deane of Dunmore was held, at which the Very Rev. Patrick Dooly, P.P., V.F., presided, the Rev. William Joyce acting as secretary.

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The clergy of the Deanery of Dunmore, in the archdiocese of Tuam, have pronounced in favour of Home Rule, declaring that the country has been plundered and dragged down from her high estate by the Union.

The death is announced of Sir E. J. McClure the discoverer of the North West Passage, which had been sought for in vain by the navigators of all nations for three hundred years. For this feat he was knighted and received the reward of £5,000, which had been offered for the discovery of the Passage. Sir Robert was a native of Wexford, and was in his sixty-sixth year. He took part in Sir J. Ross's expedition in search of Sir John Franklin.—*Cor. Herald.*

THE MOVING BOG.—In reference to the moving bog, Mr. W. Le Poer Trench writes as follows:—The scene to which I refer is the result of the bursting of a bog, situated about three miles east of the town of Dunmore, in the northern part of this county (Galway). Heretofore this bog was connected with the Dunmore River, at Dunmore, by a small stream called the Corrabell Livel, flowing through a continuation of pasture and tillage lands in its course.

The level of the upper surface of the bog was formerly 260 feet above the sea, and that of the water at Dunmore 190 feet—showing a fall of 70 feet. Up to a fortnight ago this bog presented the usual appearance of most of our undrained Irish bogs—i. e., its skirts, adjoining the arable land, consisting of high turf banks, its centre being exceedingly wet and spongy. On Wednesday, the 1st inst., the former occupying a farm on the Corrabell stream, nearest the bog, was digging his potatoes, when he suddenly observed a brown mass slowly approaching him. He left his spade in the ground and went for the neighbours; on his return the mass (which was the moving bog) had half covered his potato field, and completely hidden from sight his field of corn, with the exception of a few "stooks," situated on a knoll; they still remain an island in the middle of a scene of desolation.

This was but the commencement; since then the bog has continued to advance in a rolling mass, continuing its course right down the valley to Dunmore, burying on its way three farmhouses, and covering at least 180 acres of pasture and arable land to a depth in some places, of six feet. The unfortunate occupants of the three farms have been turned, by this visitation of Providence, farmless and homeless, with their families, on the world. At Dunmore a small bridge has been removed, near the junction of the Corrabell stream with the Dunmore River, to afford relief to the lands up the valley, and a bog-laden torrent is being discharged into the latter river. The worst may be said to be over, but the discharging powers of that river will be materially affected by this influx of solid matter. The source of this disaster presented a wonderful appearance. The subsidence at the discharging point cannot be less than about 35 feet. The extent of the bog affected is more clearly defined by a series of black "cravasses," where the upper crust of the bog has, by the subsidence, below, been torn asunder. The whole assumes the form of an crater, half a mile in diameter. With considerable difficulty we piloted our way to the centre, where we found the brown liquid bog boiling up like a stream of lava and feeding the moving mass in the valley below.

At the point where the bog burst, the turf banks were forced right over and round on either side, and assumed somewhat the appearance of "moraines." Now one word as to the cause of this and of similar disasters to which this country is liable. They must be attributed to the absence of a complete and good system of arterial drainage. The arterial drainage of this very district (the Dunmore district) was undertaken in 1845, but it was allowed to drop, uncompleted, in 1850, although full powers were obtained for its completion. Many districts in Ireland are full of pent up water for which no outlets have been provided. If any of your philanthropic readers would like to assist in saving the unfortunate families who have been overtaken by this calamity from having to take refuge in the work-house, I shall be glad to receive any contributions they might like to forward. Their lands and crops are almost completely covered; their houses are filled and surrounded with the bog, in one instance right up to the eaves.

James A. Blake, Esq., of Ballinamona, Thomastown, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for the county of Kilkenny, on the recommendation of the Rt. Hon. W. F. Tighe, the Lieutenant of the County.

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A Catholic in that position. The organization is so complete now that the Catholic vote will decide the election in almost every ward of the city; and it is in this manner, rather than by the more doubtful plan of bringing forward candidates of their own, that the Catholics have determined to show their power and influence.—*Catholic Opinion.*

We are informed that the Rev. Dr. Stewart McCorry has paid a short visit to his native city of Glasgow. The Doctor preached in St. Vincent's Church at the forenoon service from the Epistle of the day—"Redeeming the Time for the days are evil." After Vespers, in St. Andrew's Cathedral, he lectured on the "Church and the World."—*Id.*

Archbishop Manning says of the Church: "The Church was never stronger than she is now; she has never put forth more blossoms of Faith, Hope, and Charity, awe, and contrition, too, for the sins of those who blaspheme and despise her. Therefore, instead of being disheartened and fearful at the present state of things, let us rejoice and take courage: for believe me when I say again that there never was a moment when the power of the Church of God was greater than it is now; and you yourselves, by your lives, are contributing to it."

THE GALT NEARS TO BE TAKEN.—(From *People's Political Reporter*)—We are privileged to announce that at a lengthened conference which took place on Tuesday last, between the Right Hon. the First Lord of the Treasury and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was decided that their mutual efforts should next session be directed to prepare the way in Parliament for the approval and adoption of a scheme of finance which should have for its immediate object the taking of such steps as should eventually lead to the partial abatement of a not too sanguine hope that means may some day be devised, by the aid and with the sanction of the legislative body, for the gradual introduction of a series of measures which should inaugurate such changes in our national expenditure as might in due time be considered to justify the Government in proposing a (perhaps temporary) abolition of the income tax.

A GREAT AMNESTY DEMONSTRATION IN BLACKHEATH.—A great Amnesty demonstration took place lately on Blackheath, and was attended by about 100 persons, mostly clerics of Greenwich. Resolutions were passed praying Her Majesty to release the political prisoners, and deputed Mr. Gladstone the member for the borough, to lay the prayer before the Queen.

FREE TRADE.—The *Times* says people cannot be too seriously reminded that even free trade will not give them half a crown's worth for a shilling.—Adulteration should be forbidden, but genuine wares must be paid for.

DREADFUL ACCIDENT IN WEST CORNWALL.—A shocking catastrophe took place on Saturday near Helston, West Cornwall. Three men went to a burrow or heap of stones to gather building materials when suddenly the ground opened beneath them, and two of the men, named Foss, father and son, went down 240 feet into forty fathoms of water, with many tons of surface earth. The covering of an old mine shaft had given way with their weight. Attempts were made to reach the bodies but nothing could be done.

AN APPEAL FOR ITALY.—Under this heading the "Bible Society for Italy" advertise in the *Times* for funds to enable them to issue a family Bible for circulation in Italy. They have the cool impudence to assert that "the Bible has been so long and so absurdly discredited by the priests of Rome as a had book." This precious document bears the signatures, amongst others, of Lord Shaftesbury, Admiral Fishbourne, and Mr. Spurgeon.—*Tab. Id.*

DEATH BY POISON.—A painful sensation has been created in Carlisle by the death, under very melancholy circumstances, of Mrs. Macleod, wife of Dr. Macleod, Surgeon-Major in the Madras Army and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. Dr. Macleod went to reside in Carlisle a couple of months ago with his wife and young family. The eldest boy has lately been lying ill of typhoid fever, and Mrs. Macleod sat up with him for three nights this week, and when opportunity at length offered of getting some repose, she could not sleep. Her husband therefore prescribed a dose of morphia, and having obtained a bottle from a druggist, administered a grain in a glass of port wine on Wednesday evening. That dose did not, however, produce sleep, and Dr. Macleod repeated the dose at intervals between four and seven o'clock. At the latter hour Mrs. Macleod had fallen into a comatose state so alarming that Dr. Macleod sought additional medical aid, and Dr. Robert Walker, and subsequently Dr. McLaven attended and resorted to every means in his power to restore the patient, but in vain, Mrs. Macleod died about 10 o'clock. The inquest was adjourned in order that a post mortem examination might be made.

PECULIARITIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.—The following exhibition of the peculiarities of the English language, as given by Thomas Blaine, is, we think, somewhat amusing. Its richness seems to consist entirely in its truth. It must be a tending puzzle to foreigners, who essay to learn to speak as we do. Here is the exhibition: The construction of the English language must appear most formidable to foreigners. One of them looking at a picture of a number of vessels, said: "See what a flock of ships!" He was told that "a flock of ships was called a fleet, and that a fleet of sheep was called a flock." And it was added, for his guidance in mastering the intricacies of our language, that "a flock of girls is called a bevy, and a levy of wolves is called a pack, and a pack of thieves is called a gang, and a gang of angels is called a host, and a host of porpoises is called a shoal, and a shoal of buffaloes is called a herd, and a herd of children is called a troop, and a troop of partridges is called a covey, and a covey of beauties is called a galaxy, and a galaxy of ruffians is called a horde, and a horde of rubbish is called a heap, and a heap of oxen is called a drove, and a drove of blackguards is called a mob, and a mob of whales is called a school, and a school of worshippers is called a congregation, and a congregation of engineers is called a corps, and a corps of robbers is called a band, and a band of locusts is called a swarm, and a swarm of people is called a crowd."

ATTEMPTED DOUBLE MURDER.—On Saturday afternoon a large crowd was attracted by a cry of "Murder!" to a house at the corner of Devonshire-street, and Cross-street, Theobald's-road London. The police quickly followed, and on entering the house arrested a young man named David Garney, with a large pocket knife in his hand. Previous to their entrance he had inflicted four or five stabs on his wife, and four on his mother-in-law, the former being near her confinement. The poor woman was in such a state as to be incapable of removal to an hospital. Garney was taken to Hulse street Police station, where he was charged with attempted murder. He appeared indifferent to the accusation. He is only 27 years of age.

At the funeral of Sir Edwin Landseer, a card attached to the floral wreath sent by Her Majesty bore the following inscription:—"A tribute of friendship and admiration for great talents from Queen Victoria."

THE RISE OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS.—The history of this town has been so remarkable that scarcely anything which may be said in the way of future progress will be regarded with more than ordinary wonder. A hamlet twenty years ago, with a population of some 70 or 80 inhabitants, Barrow-in-Furness is now a town of great importance in a commercial sense, and has a population at least of 35,000. The cause of this remarkable growth was in the first instance, the large deposits of valuable iron ore in the district, works for the smelting of

which were established, and subsequently large manufacturing establishments for turning out steel railway and other material were founded. Within the past three years the industries of iron ship-building, railway rolling stock manufacturing, flax and jute, steel wire, and timber and saw mills have been added to the list of Barrow trades, and in addition to this a gigantic work has been commenced in the shape of constructing additional wet dock accommodation for a large fleet of ocean steamships, which are being built in the town for the development of the port. Under such circumstances it will not be a matter of surprise that there has been a great inadequacy of work accommodation for the increased number of workmen coming to the town. It is computed that from 1,000 to 1,500 houses have been built to accommodate workmen during the last three years, and at least 500 more are in course of erection. This want of accommodation has been the great drawback to the advancement of trade here. Capital has been raised for the commencement of several new manufacturing establishments as soon as houses can be built. We are authoritatively informed that at one end of the town alone works of such magnitude are springing into existence as to justify Messrs. Venable and Hitchen, contractors, in building 700 to 800 cottages on 100,000 yards of land bought from the Duke of Devonshire. The work has been let and operations have been commenced.—*Times.*

UNITED STATES.

On Sunday, Oct. 20, Rev. Father Burke of St. Joseph's Albany, took up a collection for the benefit of the Memphis sufferers. The sum collected exceeded \$1,000—double the amount donated by the Herald (?) people of Albany. On the same day Rev. Father Lucken announced that a collection would be taken up in the Cathedral for the benefit of the Memphis sufferers. The amount collected is to be sent to the Sisters of Charity of the place in which the orphan children have taken refuge.

THE MISSOURI IN OREGON.—The *Oregon Catholic Sentinel* says:—"We were gratified by a visit from Rev. John Heinrich, who had just returned from an extensive missionary tour through the counties of Douglas, Coos and Curry, in Southwestern Oregon. Father Heinrich has everywhere been received with open arms and liberal hands by the scattered Catholic families in those counties, and has met with much encouragement. It is proposed immediately to build a church at Marshfield for the Catholic people in that section, that place being the most centrally located in the district."

The New Church of the Visitation Schuylerville, N. Y., was dedicated Oct. 21.

A magnificent steel bell will soon be placed in the belfry of the Catholic church in Carson City Cal.

The semi-annual collection for the benefit of the orphans was taken up in all the churches of St. Louis, on Sunday, Nov. 2.

The Polish Church of Saint Stanislaus, Milwaukee, was solemnly dedicated Oct. 12.

Louisville has contributed over twenty-five thousand dollars to the sufferers of Memphis and Shreveport.

A fair is shortly to be held in aid of the new Church of St. Columbia, which Father Rogers is erecting in Brighton, Mass.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Fr. Driscoll, St. Xavier's Church, Cincinnati, was celebrated in his parish Oct. 19.

The collection for the Boston Cathedral last year in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Salem, Mass., was \$333.65; not \$233.55, as erroneously reported.

A collection for the sufferers of Memphis was taken up in all the Catholic churches of Cincinnati last Sunday, October 26.

The Catholics have commenced services in the basement of their new Church, Newtonville, Mass., which has been covered over. Rev. M. Green is the pastor.

The Brotherhood of St. Vincent de Paul, of St. Malachi's Church, East New York, has just founded a female half orphan asylum and industrial school. It is to be under the charge of twelve Sisters.

An Episcopal church at Stillwater, N. Y., has been purchased for Catholic use by Rev. Phillip Izzo, O. S. A., pastor of St. Mary's Church, Mechanicsville, N. Y. It will shortly be dedicated.

A new Catholic church is to be built in Gardner, Mass., to cost \$20,000. It is to be built by Edmund O'Keefe of Springfield. The building is to be of wood, and in readiness for use in next June, and to seat 550.

REARER FOR MEMBERS.—The committee of St. Michael's Association, New York, who are collecting funds in aid of the Memphis sufferers, have acknowledged contributions amounting to \$1553.

The corner stone of the Church of the Sacred Heart, at South Natick, Mass., Rev. F. Walsh, pastor was laid on Sunday, the 2d inst. The services were conducted by the light Rev. Bishop Williams. The sermon was preached by the Rev. P. J. Rogers of Brighton.

Bishop Corrigan, on Sunday evening, Oct. 19, lectured in St. Mary's Church, Bardonia, N. J., on "Subterranean Rome." In the morning he administered the rite of confirmation in the same church.

The corner-stone of the new Church of St. Mary, South Amboy, N. J., was laid on Monday, Oct. 27, by the Right Rev. Dr. Corrigan, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark. The old church will be used for a Catholic school.

The late Father De Smet is said to have collected in Europe at different times during his long missionary life the sum of \$350,000, all of which was devoted to the support of the Indian missions of the United States. Fifty thousand dollars of this sum was given by the members of his own immediate family in Belgium. It is said that a nephew of Father De Smet is now engaged in editing and publishing a valuable work written by his venerable Uncle.—*Louisville Catholic.*

Our plain and simple opinion on the public school question, lately stated in *The Pilot*, seems to puzzle some of our most intelligent Protestant contemporaries. The *Concord Monitor*, the leading Republican paper of New Hampshire, says:—

"We are not the enemies of the public schools but their earnest friends. The public school system of America is one of the greatest institutions in our country; and every man who loves this Republic should work to make the schools as perfect as possible. Instead of being the enemies of the public schools, we would vote for compulsory education in the public schools; but not while the public schools are Protestant or irreligious."

But for the qualification in the last sentence, which may mean much or little, the above would be eminently satisfactory. As it is, we prefer to accept it as an expression in direct contradiction to the obnoxious views uttered in the St. Louis Convention, and to hail it as the real sentiment of Catholicity in this country.

For certain reasons for our dislike to the present school system we refer our readers to our article on the subject on this page.—*Boston Pilot.*

Stokes has been almost acquitted. At the conclusion of his trial he was found guilty of manslaughter in the third degree, and sentenced to four years imprisonment. The trial and everything connected with it show the wretched state of New

York law. The bench and the bar are daily disgraced by undignified action and personal squabbles. When the foreman had announced the verdict in this case, the lawyer for the defence sprang up and made an appeal for leniency. The report says:—"During this harangue Judge Davis' countenance was observed to flush with ill-repressed indignation, and as soon as he got a chance he burst out with:—"Stokes—The verdict of the jury has exhausted the mercy of the court. I would that the law empowered me to impose a punishment more adequate to the awful crime that rests upon your guilty head." Then he proceeded to sentence the prisoner to the full extent of the statute—four years at hard labour in the State Prison." Stokes has since been interviewed in the Tombs, where he has been a perfect misanthrope, and he expressed his displeasure at "getting four years for an act that should have been commuted." Warden Johnson, of the Tombs, is glad to get rid of Stokes of whom he says "If ever there was a murderer it was Stokes. He was the rascal in the Tombs."—*Id.*

Another good Christian has left \$1000 to the Boston Home for Destitute Catholic Children. Mr. Michael Comerford, late of Charlestown, Mass., has left in his will, which was approved in East Cambridge, on the 4th inst., the following bequests:—To the St. Vincent Orphan Asylum of Boston, \$1000; to the Trustees of the Home for Destitute Catholic Children of Boston, \$1000; to the President and Treasurer of the St. Mary's Charitable Society of Charlestown, \$1000, provided the said Society shall be incorporated according to law.—*Id.*

The School Board of Boston has the appointment of truant officers; and, we presume, it also assumes to superintend their services. Before this date, we expected to see some action taken in the case of the brute who locked up the little Italian boy from 2 p.m. one day until nine o'clock next morning, and then took him, screaming with fright, from the cell, threatening to put him back if he did not cease crying. The officer's name was Chase Cole.—*Id.*

The *Nashville Union* says:—"A very interesting and edifying ceremony took place in St. Mary's School building on Sunday evening, Oct. 20, in presence of many of the parents and friends of the members of St. Aloysius Society. The occasion was the blessing of the oratory of St. Rev. Bishop."

Bishop Becker, of Wilmington, Del., visited a pastoral Oct. 15, directing that all the pastors of the diocese of Wilmington may join with those of Baltimore, and other dioceses of this Province, in the act of consecrating our diocese, ourselves, and congregations solemnly to the Sacred Heart of our Lord and Saviour."

Mrs. General Sherman is interesting herself very much about the religious instruction of the inmates of the Penitentiary. She has already sent to that institution two packages of Catholic books, which Mr. Pillsbury has distributed among the convicts. This act of a Christian lady is worthy of emulation. Have we not any ladies in Albany who will interest themselves in this matter? Are they too good to recognize the wants of the poor convicts, or is it that charity is wanted? Mrs. Sherman, one of the first ladies of the country, takes pride in relieving the wants of the afflicted. She is not too good to extend a helping hand to one of God's creatures, because her heart is stirred by Christian emotions. How many ladies in this city could, if they wished, by sending books to the Penitentiary, make happy the most gloomy hours of a number of the prisoners; but how very few ever think that they were created for aught else than to gratify their own selfish desires. If they would close their ears to the deceitful voice of vanity and listen only to that of Christian sympathy and the higher nature with which they are endowed, women would be less frivolous and more charitable. We hope to see this matter of sending religious books to the Penitentiary attended to. All persons wishing to donate books can send them to Very Rev. Father Nothen, V. G., or to the superintendent.—*Albany Catholic Register.*

Last week a convict named Dennis Reegan, from Georgetown, D. C., died at the Penitentiary. Being a Catholic, the gentlemanly superintendent, Captain Pillsbury, informed Very Rev. Father Nothen, V. G., of the case, and granted permission to that reverend gentleman to move the remains of the unfortunate man from the Penitentiary to lay them in consecrated ground, and at the same time Mr. Pillsbury offered to defray the funeral expenses. This act is worthy of commendation, and it matters not what Mr. Pillsbury's religion may be, it is evident from this that he is not a narrow-minded bigot. He has humane feelings for the positions in which the prisoners are placed, and such a man merits the esteem of the public and the praise of honest men.—*Id.*

Singerly's printing house in Harrisburg, Pa., was entirely destroyed by fire on the 5th inst. From twenty-five to thirty persons were employed in the upper stories. The stairways were in the rear of the building, and so rapid was the spread of the flames that many of the employees were compelled to leap from the second story. The walls fell to the ground and nothing was saved. The last three days' proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, extra copies of Convention proceedings and a thousand volumes belonging to the State library were all burned.

Several charitable societies of Boston have answered the Memphis appeal with prompt generosity. Amongst these were the Irish Charitable Society, the Shield Literary Institute, and Divisions 1 and 3 Ancient Order of Hibernians. Those societies which have not responded in money are not, however, forgetful of the sufferers in Memphis; they feel a continued and real sympathy. John Paul, writing about the financial panic in the *Tribune*, says:—

It did not seem possible that the panic could lessen my enjoyments or interfere with my comfort in the slightest degree, save and excepting as my sympathy would naturally be enlisted in behalf of suffering friends. But sympathy is something which I never withhold from those in trouble, whether they happen to be my friends or not; there's nothing mean about me. I find, too, that one can go around shedding sympathy on all sides, for weeks at a time, without spending a cent or being at much personal inconvenience.

Mrs. Lee, widow of General Robert E. Lee, died on Thursday morning the 6th inst., at her house in Lexington, Va., at the age of 67 years. She was the only daughter of the late George Washington Parke Custis, and was born at Arlington House. Mrs. Lee was a woman of strong intellectual powers, and persistently favored the Confederate cause. She was in Richmond during the war, and when the contest was over, accompanied her husband to Lexington, where she resided until her death. She had been an invalid for about ten years, suffering from a rheumatic affection. The funeral took place on Saturday in the Memorial Church in Lexington. Her three sons, W. H. F. Lee, Curtis Lee, Robert E. Lee, and her daughter, were present, beside a large number of friends.

Prof. Donaldson made a fine ascent from Newark, N. J., on the 28th ult., in his celebrated balloon the *Magenta*. The ascension took place from the vicinity of the gas works, and was witnessed by over three thousand persons. The *Magenta* took a course due east, and passed over New York in less than fifteen minutes after leaving Newark.

The United States Marshal of the Eastern District of Texas, reports to Attorney General Williams that two colored men named Wright, brothers, were brutally murdered by a gang of white desperadoes, headed by a man named Roan, who infest the line of the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railway. Further trouble with the same gang is anticipated.