

NOTES FROM ENGLAND.

THE REDEMPTRISTS. — This well-known missionary order has been invited by the Bishop of Salford to his diocese.

BOYS FOR CANADA. — The London Universe, in its issue of May 7, says:

"On Thursday last between 40 and 50 boys left Liverpool for Canada along with Mr. Arden, the Canadian agent of the Catholic Emigration Association.

A NEW CATHEDRAL. — The beautiful new Cathedral of St. Anne, at Leeds, was formally opened recently. It will seat about 1000 worshippers.

Several munificent gifts have been made towards the adornment of the Cathedral. The Bishop of Leeds (Dr. Gordon) gave the Communion rails.

PUBLIC LECTURES. — The series of outdoor lectures explanatory of Catholic teaching and practices, organized by the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, have now commenced.

LABOR PARADE. — The sixteenth annual May Day labor demonstration in Hyde Park, London, was largely attended. A local newspaper remarks, in referring to the parade, that a large number of foreigners were represented in the labor processions.

MONTH OF MARY. — In the vari-

ous Catholic parishes of England the opening of the month of May was characterized by a spirit of devotion on the part of the faithful which is most edifying to contemplate.

IRISH AND ENGLISH. — Speaking at a meeting organized by the South London branches of the United Irish League, held in the Town Hall, Bermondsey, Mr. William Redmond, M.P., in referring to the question of the Education Act, said: "There was nothing which the Irish party so desired than to act so as to command the sympathy and the support of the priests amongst the Irish in England."

There had, no doubt, been from time to time differences between some of the Irish priests and Irish politicians. He rejoiced to find in London the priests on their platforms, and he trusted that it might ever be so.

A CATHOLIC DUKE'S VIEW. — The Catholic Union of Great Britain recently presented a congratulatory address to its noble President, the Duke of Norfolk, on the occasion of his marriage. After expressing his appreciation of the kindness of the members of the Union, His Grace referred to the organization with which they were all associated.

"I feel the Union is doing, and will continue to do, a very good and useful work without interfering in any way with the energies of other bodies. I would like to say one word about what the Union had done to bring before our minds—we who have the untold blessing of being Catholics—how heavy is the responsibility we have to bear. We have to do our part for our country, and keep before our fellow-countrymen the claims and the sacredness of our

faith, and we have to do it without alienating their sympathy and by getting them to look with trustfulness towards our Church. That is our work, and I think it could not be done unless there was that bond of faith, that feeling of real affection and kindly regard we all have. Apart from the difficulties and anxieties we Catholics must do our duty to God and the country to which we belong."

Irish National Convention.

(From the Dublin Freeman's Journal) A convention more admirable in its representative character, its practical intelligence, its earnestness and its unity it would be impossible even to desire. The hall was filled by men in every thought and sympathy at one with the people. It was, indeed, the Irish Nation that through its representatives, made its feelings felt in the deliberations. There was much work to be done, and there was little time to do it.

On the burning question of the land, the mandate of the Convention was clear and unanimous. It gave its cordial approval to the considered resolutions of the National Directory:

"We deeply regret to observe that with very few exceptions the landlords have met this action on the part of the tenants either by an absolute refusal to sell, or by demanding for their interests most exorbitant prices; and, not content with the great advantages conferred on them out of the public funds as an inducement to sell, require from the tenants prices for their farms far in excess of those which had been paid for similar farms under the previous Acts."

It strongly recommended the tenants, where they were unable to buy their land at reasonable prices, "in consequence of the exorbitant price demanded or refusal to sell, to apply at once to have the rents fixed where they are in a position to do so." We may fairly claim that this was the policy that from first to last we urged on the acceptance of the country. Its adoption by the National Directory, its unanimous approval by the National Convention, should secure it universal effect.

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Mr. T. P. O'Connor thought the tenants might have reasonably claimed a share of the bonus provided out of Irish resources, but they generously abandoned it to the landlords as an inducement to sell. He proclaimed himself wholly unable to understand the logic or policy of landlord exactions:

"By a process of reasoning which I have been unable to grasp, the landlords of Ireland have come to the conclusion that instead of the addition of five years by the bonus and other concessions under the Land Act inducing them to take a smaller number of years' or an equal number of years' purchase from their tenants, they have contended that as they have got five years from the Government they should also get three or five years or more from the tenants."

Mr. O'Connor warned the landlords against this policy, which must collapse when in the near future the landlord party were no longer the rulers of the country. But as concrete fact is always more effective than abstract reasoning, the necessity for united and resolute action by the Irish Party and people was demonstrated forcibly by the short, statement of plain facts by the Very Rev. Canon Quinn. He was speaking of the impoverished lands of a district with which he is most familiar:

"In the North of Ireland the landlords were actually demanding for these mountain lands—exact not alone the bonus and value of the land as determined by different purchases, but ten years' purchase more than the value of their lands in every case. He could illustrate that by the case of Colonel Poe in Tyrone, where 26 1/2 years' purchase was demanded for what was not value for more than 15 or 16 years' purchase. The tenants offered 18 years' purchase—two years more than its value, or than the price given for land at the other side of the ditch. That was a situation that must be faced, and faced at once." And this same Colonel Poe was one of the signatories of the Land Conference Report. There is no room for doubt now that the National policy as proclaimed by the Convention is resolute and combined resistance to extortion, with a general fixing of second-term rents. In this way only can the landlords' conspiracy of extortion be understood and withstood.

Many topics were necessarily dealt with briefly at the Convention. The claims for Irish labor, and for education, and for town tenants were, in turn, discussed and defined and decided. Many other subjects were also before the great meeting. But nothing was made more plain than the insistence on all sides on the interdependence of the party and people in the furtherance of the Irish movement. We have, we confess, some sympathy with the complaint of Father M'Fadden. "He was sorry to have to say it, but he felt very angry when he found that the opportunity for put-

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ting the present Government out of office was lost simply because they had not a full attendance of their members. That was the one grand means—if they were going to stick to the constitutional agitation—of securing their ends, to keep the Party in the House. The want of attendance by some of the members had weakened the influence and power of the party. If this were remedied it would greatly help them in the work which they had in hands. It is quite true, as pointed out by subsequent speakers, that the average attendance of the party was high, but that does not justify the abstentions. Every Irish representative knows that when he accepted the honor of representing an Irish con-

stituency in Parliament he accepted also the burden of incessant attendance. The zeal of the large majority of the Party could not justify the negligence in a minority, however small. The country and the Party are unanimous in their policy. The mandate has been given by the Convention. It only remains to carry it through. To this end the country is bound to generous encouragement and support of the Party, and the Party is no less bound to earn that support and encouragement by its unremitting energy and vigilance in Parliament.

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