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THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1906.

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN

For the news of the death of the Archbishop of Halifax Canada was all unprepared. The late Dr. O'Brien was not only a distinguished member of the hierarchy, but among the Archbishops and Bishops of the Dominion held a position towards the Canadian public that was peculiarly his own.

RELIGION IN GREAT CITIES.

Looking at the overcrowded cities and the ever increasing rush to the great centres one naturally asks how does religion succeed in them? Can it cope with the moral evils necessarily springing from this congested state of things? What relief can it offer to him who suffers from work and who suffers more if he cannot work? What remedy has religion, not for the individual, but for the system whose gigantic, far-reaching claws, like those of the devil-fish, hold in iron selfish grasp multiplied millions? Then there is the rush for pleasure, the life of society. Both extremes, wealth and poverty, dwell too close together in our crowded cities. And with both classes religion has severe trials which are more harassing than encouraging.

cept over the most obstinate. We can well take a leaf from our neighbors. Visitation and instruction are their means: and they should be ours. Then more Catholic reading matter—cheap, bearing upon a variety of subjects, reaching down to where poisoned literature has done so much harm. To these means may be added those two powerful organizations for good, the Catholic Truth Society and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The former spreads the light of faith, and is a school of instruction. The latter is a great school of charity. Both have important missions to fulfil in the crowded cities, where too often poverty, ignorance and vice go hand in hand. And farther removed from the haunts of pretended atheists the Church has a phalanx armed with prayer—and making atonement to God's outraged majesty for empty talk and misguided ignorance. These are the guardians in the watch towers of cloistered monasteries and convents throughout the world. Even with all this zealous organization we see that the enemy of souls does far more to destroy than we do to save; and that he succeeds where once religion soothed the hardship of toil and called to another vineyard the laborers weary of earth. So far from admitting that the bread-winner by reason of his calling tends to atheism the very opposite should be the case. It is white slavery which is too readily ensnared by unbelief. Labor is sanctified in religion's Divine Founder and poverty canonized by His example and doctrine.

AN ANSWER.

A distant subscriber sends us a number of questions which he wishes answered. Fortunately he gives us time; for as there are about a dozen covering a vast field it would be useless to attempt to reply on short notice. Our simple advice to "Subscriber" is to pay no attention to the trifling calumnies against his Church. Ignorance, prejudice, misinterpretation, falsehood are the poisoned arrows too often directed against us. To compare the slanders which Subscriber's neighbors utter against his faith with the teaching of his good mother—to even hint that she might be wrong, and they right—is unfilial, not worthy of a good son. That mother taught the truth by example and by word, and left a treasure to Subscriber which he should hold so sacred that the waspish tongue of ignorance could never poison its purity or taint its practices. It is easy to procure such books as Faith of our Fathers, Catholic Belief, Catholic and Protestant countries compared, from Catholic bookstores either in New York or St. Louis which will be a more definite reply to many of his questions than we can give, both for want of space and time. One point, however, we take up, the question of baptism by immersion or sprinkling. Before starting we think Subscriber ought to protest against Campbellites pretending to know the practice of the ancient Church. It is decidedly impudent for innovators whose sect is not a hundred years in existence to ask the Catholic Church why she permits baptism by sprinkling. Immersion is a valid mode of baptism. It is not the only mode, neither in the primitive Church nor afterwards. It is evident from the fact that St. Paul baptized his guard when in prison that the baptism could not have been performed by immersion. Nor could St. Peter baptize at one time three thousand, and at another time five thousand. The practice of the Church in baptizing by infusion was established much earlier than our Subscriber's quotations would lead him to believe. And what it is to-day it certainly was in the Catacomb days when immersion would have been altogether impractical, if not impossible. In closing we recommend Subscriber to pay less attention to the Campbellites, get good Catholic books for his family and to persevere in the true faith taught him by his mother.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We are pleased to note the sanctioning of the "Father Kiernan School Bill." Hardly any other termination could be expected after the persistent fight Father Kiernan has put up for the past three years in the interest of his people. The parish of St. Michael the Archangel has been erected into a Separate School municipality, and it only remains for the people of St. Michael's to strengthen the hands of their good pastor by aiding him in carrying on the good work he has so much at heart. We congratulate the pastor of St. Michael's on the happy result and trust that ere very long an imposing school structure will stand as a monument to his indefatigable perseverance in which the younger portion of his flock will receive educational advantages along the most advanced lines.

The Lord's Day Bill as introduced by Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick is a source of gratification to all law-abiding citizens. Thoughtful men of all races and creeds are in full accord with every one of the fifteen clauses, and they look forward in the hope of it becoming a law. Mr. Fitzpatrick's bill forbids the sale or purchase of any goods on the Sabbath except medicines, forbids all Sunday sports, Sunday excursions, and the advertising in any manner whatsoever any performance or other thing which, if given or done in Canada, would be a violation of this act.

The official figures of the pilgrimages to the shrine of Ste. Anne de Beupre during the year 1905 show that 138,446 pilgrims went there by rail, 29,050 by boat, and about one thousand in vehicles, giving a grand total of 168,502. In the previous year there were 156,263 pilgrims. The total number for the ten years preceding 1905 was 922,346.

The estimates from July 1 next to March 31, 1907, were brought down in the Dominion Parliament Monday night. They call for \$51,594,539 on consolidated fund account, and \$16,342,015 on capital account. The capital outlay includes: Militia, \$975,000; Railways and Canals, \$12,817,000; Public Works, \$2,101,000; Dominion Lands, \$450,000.

An organization of prominent business and literary men has been formed in New York to urge the simplification of English spelling. It is called the "Simplified Spelling Board," and Mr. Andrew Carnegie has undertaken to bear the expense of the organization.

St. Antoine street proprietors met on Tuesday night to protest against the withdrawal of the Montreal Bill, which will result in the section of the street between Windsor and Mountain street being widened to only sixty instead of eighty feet.

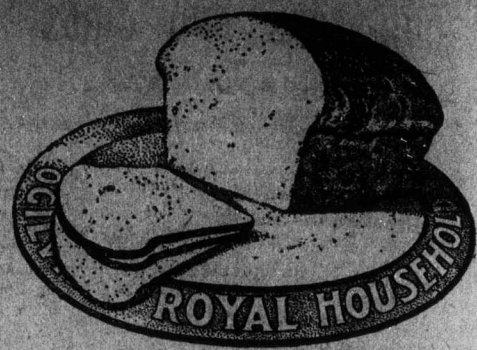
The King has given an order again this year to Mrs. Nuttall to have shamrocks supplied to Buckingham Palace for St. Patrick's Day from her Violet and shamrock farm at Cullenamore, Sligo.

In next week's issue we will give the St. Patrick's Day sermon and general news of the day's proceedings.

OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE SMYTH. Mr. George Michael Smyth, a well known and almost life-long resident of Montreal, passed away early Sunday morning at his residence, 21 Drolet street. Death was the result of syncope of the heart.

Born in Lochrae, County of Galway, Ireland, seventy-five years ago, the late Mr. Smyth removed to Canada at the age of ten or twelve years, and has since resided continuously in Montreal. He has had an active business career and conducted for many years a wholesale and retail provision store at the Bonsecours market. He retired from business about four years ago. A family of ten children—seven daughters and three sons—survive. They are: Mrs. Moriarty, of To-



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ronto; Mrs. Wiles, of Ottawa; Mrs. Maguire and the Misses Catherine, Jennie, Essie and Ethel, of Montreal; Mr. Thomas Taggart, of the City and District Savings Bank; Mr. Robert, of Scroggie & Co., and Mr. George, accountant of the Hogan estate.

The funeral took place from the Church of St. Louis de France on Tuesday morning.

MR. JAMES CORCORAN.

On Saturday afternoon the death occurred of Mr. James Corcoran, manager of the New England Shoe Co., as the result of being struck by a M. P. & I. car at Montreal West on the day previous. The funeral took place from St. Anthony's Church on Tuesday morning.

MR. T. E. MCKENNA.

Mr. Thomas McKenna, managing editor of the Rocky Mountain News, and the Denver Times, died in Denver on Saturday last.

The late Mr. McKenna was born in Montreal on November 2nd, 1861. He was the eldest son of the late Thomas McKenna. There are many Montrealers who will remember him as having been connected in an active capacity with the executive of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club and the Emerald Snowshoe Club from 1878 to 1887. He was one of the charter members of the Shamrock A. A.

In 1887 Mr. McKenna was ordered to Colorado for his health, and since that time he has been a resident of Denver. On going out to the West he became attached to the staff of the Rocky Mountain News. He was made managing editor of that paper in 1894, a position which he occupied at the time of his death.

Mr. McKenna is survived by a widow and one child, who reside in Denver. He leaves to mourn his loss in Montreal his mother and a sister and four brothers—Messrs. William J., of the Custom House; James H., Francis J. and Patrick C. McKenna. The funeral took place at Denver on Tuesday.

A Gigantic Irish Colony.

Of great promise of benefits to Ireland and the Irish is the national farm project undertaken by Father Phelan of Marcus, Ia. The plan is for the establishment of a gigantic Irish colony on the cheap but good lands of Texas, where cotton will be raised, which will be used in a large measure to rehabilitate manufacturing and to establish cotton factories in Ireland. The benefits will come from giving the people of Ireland work, and

ing an incentive to them to remain in their own country, furnishing those who are bound to emigrate, and those in this country seeking profit but loyal to the native land, a means of subsistence.

Already Father Phelan has been in Texas and made a provisional deal whereby immense tracts of land may be secured at a nominal price for the realization of his scheme. He has a month in which to come forward with the money.

The movement inaugurated by Father Phelan is in a measure a reply to the pastoral issued at the beginning of the year by Cardinal Logue primate of Ireland, imploring the people to remain at home. The Cardinal further wrote: "I would be glad to see cotton manufacture started in Ireland. I have not the least doubt that if this could be effected it would improve the condition of the people, furnish much needed employment, and diminish the drain of emigration."

Father Phelan notes that in Ireland where there are factories the population is increasing. He wants to make it possible to have many more factories there. The priest's general plan is to have a corporation manage the land project. Stock certificates will be sold at \$5 a share, and a bank of Chicago has consented to act as treasurer until the project is fully organized.

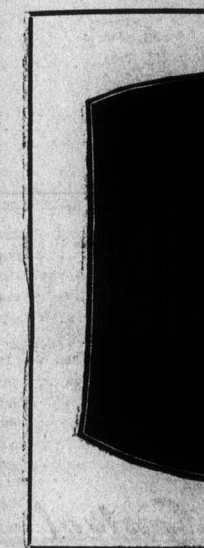
"If Ireland allied herself with England," says Father Phelan, "she might indeed be prosperous. But she is poor and bleeding to death. And would it not be well for her exiled children, as a tribute to her, to make this donation? When we have this project established on a firm footing, I will hand it over to the management, that it may be handled entirely in a business-like manner.

"I believe this plan will receive the loyal, earnest support of the friends of Ireland, for it is for the redemption of the old land. It is second in importance only to Home Rule. I am aware of Erin's wall of the loss of her children. I have read the primate's appeal. I have provided this remedy, and now it is up to the friends of Erin to accept it or to reject it."

A Requisite for the Rancher.—On the cattle ranges of the West, where men and stock are far from doctors and apothecaries, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is kept on hand by the intelligent as a ready made medicine, not only for many human ills, but as a horse and cattle medicine of surpassing merit. A horse and cattle rancher will find medicine greatly multiplied by using this Oil.

ST. PATRICK'S THE PRO...

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE The Rev. Martin Callaghan and patriotic sentiments scattered broadcast, as the forth the spirit that should our hearts and guide our path. "St. Patrick's Day will be an ordinary day of the year, all those with the tincture of Irish blood in their veins. Intended as an insult to an ally or creed. There is no earth so logical, so intelligent, as the sympathy of broad, as the sympathy of Celt. In his eyes all men respect the flags of their countries, and relish the liberty which consists in the dictates of conscience. St. Patrick's day reminds us of the green little isle, 'first of the earth and first gem of the world' which cluster the undying recollections, the of affections, and the fond hopes and aspirations, back to our minds a city—national City, the City of Popes in which is enshrined the O'Connell, the exemplar of the disinterested politician, uncompromising son of the—the city to which, 1600 years our national apostle pledged allegiance of a people, 'as com the northern star' in the path of every worthy cause, the which proceeds the most in blessings that can be enjoyed mortals—peace of mind and heart.



ALD. THOS. "Canada is our home. proud to feel and say it. how to appreciate this home cannot but admire the President of the United States, who, after all, is the chief boast of his countrymen, should we esteem, love and extol to the Sovereign who is ruling consummate skill and prudent destinies of the British Empire, of all his predecessors the Anglo-Saxon throne, is pledged to be the best friend has seen, by proving the champion of her rights. We to bury in oblivion the wrongs of the past. We ought to live in harmony. Let us, by energies at our disposal, by we can say and do, pave for the perfect brotherhood and fatherhood of God."

ITEMS OF INTEREST ST. JOSEPH'S HOME The Home was saddened last by the loss of Mrs. Bafferty, the staff. She succumbed to a malady of three days, and was from the Home. All the staff attended the funeral, marshalled by grandpa Flanagan. This is death in the Home since the beginning, and the loss of the good will be keenly felt by the particularly her little five year old son of the wards. A Mass said next week for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace. Father Holland, acknowledging many thanks for the receipt of...