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THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

The welcoming of a new religious community into our midst is indeed a pleasing duty, particularly so, in view of the fact that the community in question is none other than that of the "Brothers of the Christian Schools," so favorably known in the field of Catholic education. With the reonaning of school in Santember. the Brothers will take charge of the boys of the senior grades of the Separate schools of London. For this boon, the Catholics of the Forest City, must thank their energebic Bishop, whose repeated efforts to secure the services of these famous educaters of boys, have at length been crowned with success.

It may prove of interest to note that it is now almost seventy years since the Brothers received their first invitation to undertake the work of Catholic education within the limits of the Diocese of London. When, in the Spring of 1851, Bishop de Charbonnel of Teronto, announced to his friend Father Peter Point, S. J., of Sandwich, that a colony of Christian Brothers had been secured for Toronto, the question which became uppermost in the mind of that famous missionary and which he hastened to ask the Bishop, was "Will the five Brothers in Toronto be able to put forth any efforts on behalf of Sandwich and Amherstburg ?"

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As might be expected the only answer which could be given was, that until their numbers had been recruited, they could not entertain any idea of branching out.

For two years Father Point weited patiently ; but on April 20th, 1853, he once again took up the matter with the Bishop, of establishing a Brothers' School at Sandwich. "Regarding the Brothers," he wrote, when shall we be able to have some of them, my Lord ? Oh ! if we only had for the boys what we have for the girls. Whilst awaiting for them,

inaugurated in 1857.

Sandwich was not the only centre made for their reception. At the figures.

last moment, however, it was found impossible to supply the necessary Brothers. The house intended for the Brothers served as the first concaretaker of the Cathedral.

Oceania.

In order to facilitate the adminis tration of so many and such widely distributed institutions, the community is divided into 55 provinces, each governed by a Provincial the order of those who occupy them-Superior.

The Superior General and his staff of advisers reside at the Mother. House in Lembecq, Belgium.

The countries in which the Brothars have the most houses are : Spain, 134; Belgium, 102; United States, 97; Canade, 63; Italy, 45. Throughout the British Empire there are 122 establishments.

The cities in which the community has the most houses are : Montreal, 15; Visnna and New York, 11 each ; Madrid, Quebec and Bogota, 8: Constantinople and Philadelphia. 7.

During the War 2.000 Brothers did military service, of whom no less It will be noted that Germany is not credited with any houses of Brothers. This is due to the fact that they were expelled from that country prior to the War. Since then they have opened seven asylums

in that country for war orphans. These figures kear eloquent testimony to the universal recognition which is accorded the Christian Brothers as expert educators and bear out the words of appreciation of His Lordship Bishop Fallon who as an event which will mark a step forward in Catholic education and

Faith and its interests." "The expected that they are eager to help to the list are constantly being Christian Brothers," continues His their neighbor to keep the Ten Com- made. Lordship, " are not surpassed in that mandments. But if the immodest field of teaching, where they find scantiness of their dress is con- desired will gladly be sent free upon their vocation; they are also valu-stantly tempting the passerby to request addressed to The Lecture able guides in directing the activities break the Ninth Commandment, how Guild, 7 East 42nd St. New York, of our boys outside of school hours; and their influence over the pupils these paganizing woman of responwho pass through their schools is sibility for others' sins ?" continued in a practical manner long In a ringing pastoral letter,

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sanctity of God's House.

which may be only the affectation of

soul-destroying evil of the

THE LECTURE GUILD

modern immodest fashions."

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and Seminary. As the conducting of parable obstacle in the 36% of anti- they hesitate not to come tefore the he doesn't know what he means by part of the stars of heaven." Tabu- it may at least be accepted as testifysuch an institution was outside the Polish opinion in that country ; nor proper sphere of the Brothers, they were they perplexed by the 85% were not placed in charge when the of anti-independence opinion in their faces with their wings. We have iseriously debated with our-

In Esthonia, Finland and Jugo-Slavia there was double the opposiwhich sought the services of the tion to a separate National existence Brothers. In the early sixties, the that there is in Ireland. British Dominican Fathers, then in charge democracy boasts that it freed these of London, endeavored to secure a peoples. Hence, to say that " practicolony of Brothers for their parish. cally the only obstacle " to a grant of A substantial two-story brick house self-government in Ireland is the was erected on the Cathedral prop- disunion among the Irish people, is erty for the accommodation of the simply a falsehood, the untruth of to Brothers and all preparations were which is established by the foregoing

IMPROPER ATTIRE

An interesting occurrence, bearing upon the much discussed question of vent of the Sisters of St. Joseph in immodesty of female attire, is to be example of the God fearing women London. After their removal to M2. found in the account of Bishop Hope it became the residence of the Pleseis of his confirmation tour in Ontario in 1816. Speaking of the The establishment which the confirmation service which he held Brothers will open in London this on July 2nd of that year, at the old maidans know how to September, will bring the number of mission of St. Peter on the Thames, their houses to 785. Europe pos- His Lordship says : "There were sesses 425 of these houses. America in all thirty-seven confirmed, and the imitation of fashions which reflect ranks next with 256; whilst there are Bishop was obliged to interrupt the the corrupt (spirit of the world. If 54 in Asia, 43 in Africa and 7 in ceremony in order to give the women who presented themselves time to cover their throats, which they displayed in a shocking fashion. These and example, in season and out of people, hadly instructed by reason of season, must endeavor to eradicate their distance from a prisst, are of the

selves more with vanity and pleasure than with religion. We thought of nothing but to get away from a place, where the temporal inconveni- circular from The Lecture Guild, ences were not atoned for, by any which was started about a year ago spiritual consolation."

What would His Lordship say now, lie opinion from the lecture platwere he to witness the prevailing form. fashions which expose more than the Its very simple method, which was

throat in a shocking fashion. A longing to go naked," says a regard to Catholic lecturers and an

Catholic writer in regard to the agency through which they could be present day indecency of dress "is engaged, has evidently met with one of the surest signs that we are encouraging success. drifting towards the awful precipice It still retains the names of most of paganism. That Christian women prominent Catholics on the Advisory

should adopt fashions which imitate Board, Father Tierney of America, than 400 made the supreme sacrifice. the dress of the savages of Africa is Father Burke of the National Cathindeed a disquisting indication of olic Welfare Council, Father Schwertthe would's tendencies of today. ner of The Rosary Magazine, Hon. That present fashions are a Maurice Francis Egan, Michael

> morality is evident from the count- Blanche Mary Kelly, and Mrs. Joyce less denunciations, which have been Kilmer. voiced by those best qualified to dis-

cuss the question. Even in a divorce coming season fills a twelve page court, where, of all places, one would booklet, arranged according to subnot look for rigorism in the matter jects and attractively printed. It of attire, a judge recently ruled that forms quite a comprehensive index henceforth he will not consider appli. of Catholic thought in America. The cations for divorce from women who lecturers are not, however, confined speaks of their coming to London, do not present themselves clothed in to Americans. Among the many a decent manner.

Discussing this question America Theodors Maynard, and Katherine can a God of boundless justice acquit NY.

To say nothing from an

something almost mystic and divine.

Holy of Holiss and approach the God; whether spirit or matter or lated evidence of the truth of the ing further to Washington's friendlisacred table in such scant apparel as We that there is a beneficent farce of some sort. selves whether we are not bound

Holding so little of the truth, one in conscience to exclude such woman is not surprised to find him go very found and far-reaching influence of on Earth would not tolerate their forbearance and wish to spare them love ; and in order to rescue her greatest of his age. a painful humiliation must not be from the brutality of her relations. painful humiliation muss how be from the bruteney or how how her and hopes to win her their scandalous violation of the

love ; but one day she tells him her 'In this connection we wish also story. Some time previously, she remind parents of their grave had been driven nearly frantic at obligation to dress their young seeing her mother dying in poverty daughters, from the tenderest years, according to the laws of Christian modesty. Our Catholic women would attendance for her, had offered hersave themselves and others the guilt self as mistress to a young doctor if of many sins and would win the he would attend her mother. He respectand esteem of all right minded attended her mother, but did not persons if they would follow the

claim the fulfilment of her offer. of other days, who, in the matter of She is now married to the hero ; dress, took counsel of their good sense and attired themselves according to their station in life. These truly Christian mothers and modest avoid the extreme of singularity of plainness. vanity, and the extreme of servile the daughters of the Church will for a collusive divorge to set her be her glory in the chasts generahighly praised by the Holy Spirif, Christian mothers, by word doctor marries the nurse.

We note with interest the latest by another man ; with her husband's knowledge; and he is ready to to facilitate the expression of Catho whenever she wants it. She finally States, due, it is announced, to the members of Parliament elected falls in love with her husband ; and inability to secure enough money to all is settled and well : so we are to be a bureau of information in assured.

as novels go nowadays, it is written financial interests to raise an annual will, that many of them have been as novels go nowadays, is is written financial interests to raise an annual employed on espionage, and that to this some regard for decency; and budget of some eighty millions of the Irish patriot they are traitors. the author has evidently no idea that dollars, with the avowed purpose of If the spectacle of Irish towns looted she is far off the moral track. God "Christianizing the world in this gen- by the police, of dreadful injuries being hazy in the heart and conscience, no one is likely to stay on setting this scheme on foot were the track; and the state of those who eight million dollars, and a larger cast suspicion on the police, looks to are immoral, and yet think they are sum being found necessary to con- most of us more like the prosecution moral, is a very deplorable state.

That present fashions are a maurice Francis Egab, Michael all who are trained in a university frightened apparently at the prospect, Government apologists point to the maddening provocation offered in a where the idea of God and His Law and withdrawing from it, inevitable series of cruel and cowardly murand Revelation is hazy and dim. collapse followed. The Globe opines dere. If it seems to the English That is why Catholics maintain uni- that while the astivities of the move- observer deplorable that the Belfast The list of announcements for the

> names we find. Sir Bartram Windle. The circular and any information universities have to compete with its hands.

those which are endowed with millions and millions and millions ;

what else; he merely recognizes saying may be found in Gordon Gor. ness to Catholics, and gives added man's "Converts to Rome," a book significance to the priestly ordinawhich to generations to come will tion of one of his collateral descendbear increasing testimony to the pro- ants in the fifth generation.

far astray in conduct. He marries the man who when everything is presence for a moment. Our patient the heroine without having won her said and done ranks among the very told of Pope Leo XIII. It appeare

> THAT DR. Kinsman himself is a direct product of that influence readers of "Salve Mater" will not a caricature, nevertheless the artist need to be reminded, and that was extremely proud of it, and asked through him it is being transmitted to others the immediate future seems likely to demonstrate. The more recent conversion of Dr. Fraderick Dickinson of Newark may indeed be regarded as the first fruit. This

New Jersey rector whose parish had under his direction become one of the but tells him she feels bound still by strongholds of the "Catholic moveher promise if the doctor claims it. ment" in the American Episcopal She is then taken very-ill. Her hus. Church, found like Dr. Kinsman that band sends for the doctor ; asks him the structure he had reared was if he will marry her if she gets well built on a foundation of sand. and wishes it; tells him he will give Facing the outcome courageously, him a chance to win her ; and does therefore, and refusing to take refuge give him the chance ; and is ready as so many others have done in like crisis in a stultifying opportunism, free. His wife and the doctor decide Dr. Dickinson resigned his charge tree. His wife and the doctor decide Dr. Dickinson resigned his charge of towns by policemen, and the that they are not in love; and the and made his submission to the Cath- attacks on Nationalist workmen in

Next, the husband and wife are announced that he will enter the left alone. He finds she is not yet in Paulist Community. That he may love with him ; and he insists on her be followed into the Church by many going on a long visit to her mother's of his former flock seems probable. Carson's invitations to his followers people; and not coming back till she It is at least legitimate to hope for to take active measures for their loves him. She goes ; and is courted this happy outcome.

THE COLLAPSE of the "Interchurch

eration." The initial expenses in no

The moral fog which clouds the admirable about its daring and cour. to Sir Edward Carson minds of a large majerity of the age, and the willingness to attempt that a London mob once did hencur authors and writers of the day, can big tasks which has characterized to Lord George Gordon, Sir Edward be ascribed to their defective educa- it." Rather say that the whole affair were always rebels in fact as they tion. They learn to doubt or disbe- had something of the complexion of are now in name, and that Belfast is lieve where they ought to learn to a financial debauch, and that even a marely showing in its own way what believe and to see clearly the moral fragmentary Christianity may well will produce results beneficial to the says: "Of all good women, it is Tynan. We are told that additions relations and proportions of things. be thankful to have been delivered of her history hunt Ireland to her Now, what is our duty ? When a from its meshes. There is material- ruin. Catholic university calls for money, ism enough in the world today withwe ought to give unsparingly. Our out delivering religion wholly into

A PARAGRAPH went the rounds of for our boys must be equipped in the Catholic press a month or two measures imagine this as a struggle science and arts and letters to take ago, to the effect that among the between the forces of order and those their place and to compete with young men ordained to the priest. of anarchy. That reading of the We spend much money on unnec- Emmissburg, Maryland, on June 13th, order, nor does it represent Sinn Fain does not stand for dis The Catholic young man who has essary things ; things which give us was Richard B. Washington, a great. resort to anarchy and confusion could be a temporary study-hall. If our old church were not of wood, for \$800 we would have a large estab-tor \$800 we would have a large estabyoung levite's relationship to the order. Her courts and her volun-Father of his Country. Washington terrs dispense justice and keep himself has no direct descendants, the peace with such success but among his collaterals, there is a that Unionists not only make use of them but make acknowledgment of degree of consolution in knowing, are the confidence they repose in them. "While we are neither presumptu-tion, Catholics might naturally send to the rising generation. Moral of them now, stands at the alter of agrarian outrage. As for the relig some Catholics, and that one at least In many places they have put down ious toleration practised in Sinn God. DID WASHINGTON himself die a testants that their religious rights Catholic? That is a question which have been scrupulcusly respected.

A GOOD story has recently been that an artist of questionable ability in that direction had secured the privilege of painting the Pope's portrait. The portrait it is said was the Pope to append his autograph to it. Not wishing to hurt the artists feelings the Pope did as requested. And this it is said is what he wrote : 'It is I. Bs not afraid."

REIGN OF VIOLENCE

UTTER FAILURE OF BRITISH RULE IN IRELAND

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One would suppose, to judge from the Isish news day by day in the papers, that the three most important authorities in Ireland were all agreed on one peint-the desirability of civil war. This would natural conclusion to draw from the murders of policemen, the sacking olic Church. It has been since the Belfast shipyards. The Sinn Fein leaders do not denounce the first, the Government does not punish or stop the second, and the third followed closely on Sir Edward defence. If anybody talks about the murders of the police, the Sinn Feiner will reply that there have been eight thousand political arrests 'release " her by a sham divorce World Movement," in the United in Ireland, that three out of four of by Irish constituencies have been in cover expenses, may prove to be a are not the servants of the Irish prison or in hiding, that the police blessing to those concerned. It was people but the armed servants of a Now, I mention this novel, because, an attempt conceived by certain foreign Government imposing its ot only to men but to women and children, of prominent Sinn Feiners murdered under circumstances that tinue the work, and two of the most of an irregular war than the orderly And this is a state which menaces influential denominations becoming government of a white people, the versities of their own, and refuse to ment may not have been wisely Orangemen should chase Nationalise workmen from the yards, firs Catho-trust their boys to any other. directed, "there is still something lic chapels, and generally de honour the way is thinks of Sinn Fein excasses else-

SINN FEIN STANDS FOR REIGN OF ORDER

It is our first duty in such a crisis to sort out the relevant and guiding facts. The fire eaters who want to

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I think, that we shall be in a position this Fall, to begin a sacristy, which

Once again the answer was given that lack of numbers prevented the Ought to Know," Lord Bryce has Brothers from acquiescing in Father Point's desires. "Send us good novices," wrote Bishop de Charbonnel, "and you shall have your must send good novices to obtain Brothers, we shall have to wait a Ireland itself, not in any want of long time." "But." he added naively. "Divine Providence and your zeal inspire us with better hopes."

the heart of the good Bishop. The cerely desire." perseverance of Father Point In Ireland, as in every other coun-Sandwich.

tion was ready for occupancy. Irish electorate voted as follows : Meanwhile an event had occurred which was to change the destinies of full self determination 84.4%. the College of the Assumption. Whilst Sandwich remained within the limits of the Diccess of Toronto. its college could only aspire to teach has national unanimity been so Charbonnel did not wish it to con. Lord Bryce that because 15.6% of the capital ! flict with St. Michael's College, Isish population oppose the palicy of Toronto, in support of which all the the other 84.4%, the realization of parishes of the Diocese were taxed, the British democracy's sincere and at nearly every age, married as for him. The erection of the Diocese of Lon. desire to grant Ireland self determidon, however, reversed this policy, nation is thereby made impossible, is

after the period of school life has baen concluded."

In his article dealing with the Irish question, entitled "What America recourse to the time-worn plea that when the Isish are able to agree among themselves, then England will readily accord them that measure of Brothers." "If it follows," was the self-government which they desire. are deeply concerned with the morals "Let me repeat once more," he says, of dress in the interest of Christian methods, their system of instruction, is damaged, Catholics do not escape "that it is in the divisions within purity and modesty. The present and by their fruits, it is beyond ques-freland itself, not in any want of shocking disregard in modern female tion that however well they teach attire for the elementary principles good will on England's part, that good will on England's part, that of ordinary decency is simply appal-there lies the obstacle-which still ling. It is a question whether the

A sympathetic cord was struck in which the British democracy sin-

dress. secured his Lordship's promise, to try, there is division. The lines of expanded foolishly for the gratificasend him Brothers, provided he that division were indicated by the tion of female vanity, 'to be dressed the current non-Catholic literature than we have ever yet done, if we should erect a suitable building at returns of the last elections in June. Up and built up and masqueraded ' of the day, written by graduates of grasp the idea of the necessity. Let Under an electoral system specially

Work was immediately started and designed by England to disclose fast extinguishing in the hearts of of sound and certain religious belief. in 1856 the College of the Assump- disunion among the Irish people, the all noble-minded men that spirit of I have just read a novel, which is so For an Independent Rapublic and

How humiliating it must have been to the painted and wanton beauties For Dominion Status 3.3%. of modern society to read not long For Union with England 12.8%. In no other country in the world originate in the minds of their fallen

BY THE OBSERVER

CATHOLICS IN COMPETITION

Archbishop of New Orleans, the Most ing this abuse. As His Grace's or universities. These latter are education. pastoral contains so much that is always plentifully endowed with timely we shall take the liberty of money; and if they were sound and quoting therefrom at some length : reliable on the moral side of educaous nor foolish enough to discuss their boys to them to be educated.

secular and material learning, they are not to be trusted on the moral delays that peaceful settlement licentious woman of the degenerate side of education. Taking them all Roman Empire surpassed her modern in all, they have done incalculable selves. society sister in her immedesty of harm already, and are certain to do

economic viewpoint of the large sums much more.

only to be looked at, the disgusting such institutions, any distinct trace

reverence and chivelry which good an instance of the mental con-regarded women of other days as dition I am referring to, that I beg what I mean.

The hero is described as a splendid the United States and of our Angliago in a daily paper that their character, moral, sensible, self-con- can friends in Canada may prove to trolled, good to others, angered at have set in motion a stream of such old Maryland Catholic families that the claims of the Sinn Fsiners to the preparatory grades, as Bishop de nearly approached. The claim of sisters in a prominent European dishonesty and mean actions, and conversions attar the manner of the on his death bed Washington asked political leadarship and the prospects.

it that so many of our ordinarily the hero, and seems to be a fit mate England in that year was the signal Potomacin an open boat and brought the history of what is, we may hope, the last stage of the struggle for

well as single, mothers as well as Suddenly, one begins to doubt the lic Church which in varying volume statesman's bedside, when the last incurable evil. daughters, are the servile imitators author's judgment as to what is a has continued without intermission rites were administered to him. tor the new Bishop was equally anxious that his Diocese should also The British democracy's sincere them lost the natural modesty and the hero says to the heroine, after the hero says to the heroine says to theroine says to the heroine says to the heroine says to the he

Rev. J. W. Shaw protests against his way to make in the world has a but flesting pleasure; but we do not, immodesty in female attire. With heavy handicap if he has not as good it is to be feared, realize how much he scores the debased fashions ; nor must compete, and who are graduates on the development and equipment does he mince his words in denounc- of non-Catholic or secular colleges of institutions of Catholic higher

Society is in the way to widespread corruption, if only moral absurdities. But, judging them fairly, by their all sides ; and when social morality the sad consequences : for all the tion that however well they teach people of a nation live together in a public society ; and what is done or thought or said by large bodies of people affact others besides them-

The calls of Catholic universities, then, ought to be headed. We Cath-It is almost impossible to find, in olics can do batter in this matter grasp the idea of the necessity. Let us grasp it.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE CONVERSION of Dr. Kinsman leave to cite it in illustration of which had much exercised the minds tion, and to Washington's large-mindedness as a man. of Protestant Episcopal apologists in

THEBE IS, moreover, a tradition in clean in his attitude towards women. Oxford crisis of 1845. The secession for the ministrations of a prisst, and of pease in the future. This series Oh, the pity and the shame of The heroine is as highly praised as of Dr. Newman from the Church of that a colored servant crossed the for a movement towards the Catho. Father Leonard Neale to the dying Irish freedom. It may leave an

Fein districts, it is only necessary to recall the public declarations of Pro-This is not snarchy but orden : the has often been asked and for which there is something to be said in the established Government, order, it is true, of a rival to the affirmative. That the First President order, and order so well accepted by was friendly to Catholics and on political opponents that an attempt more than one occasion gave public on the part of Dublin Castle to break evidence of the fact is well known. by Unionists in the South as dis down this system would be deplored His Reply to the address of the Cath-olics of the United States is a case in aspect of the Sinn Fein regime is point. This document, the original overshadowed in British eyes by the of which is or was in the archives of Baltimore Cathedral, is among the most prized possessions of that See. It is at once a testimony to the ists, how far it is criminal passion fidelity of Catholics to the Constitu. exploiting the political atmosphere. In every country the War has bred a crop of violent crime of one kind or another. But for the moment it is our business rather to point out that every day that this campaign con tinuss compromises desparately both murders leaves a dark stain on

BRITISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT STAND FOR ORDER

If Sinn Fein does not stand for be provided with a classical College desire to free Poland found no insu- shrinking delicacy of their sex that referring several times to God, that afterwards, "drew after him a third the story has real foundation or not anarchy neither does the British