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The Meadow Lark.

When the first September rain
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And the ble has come again,
And with pearls each leaf is shaking,
Then a soft volce rises near,
Oh, so mournfully and clear
That the tears spring as I hear—
"Sweet-sh, Sweet-my heart is breaking!

Gone the white mock-orange sprays, Gone the clover-scented ways, Gone the dear. delictous days.
And the earth sad tones is taking:
But who could the spring forget
While that soft voice rises, set
Deen in passion and regret—
"Sweet—oh, Sweet—my heart is breaking?"

Was it only yester year
That I stood and listened here,
Without heartache, without tear,
For a burst of joy mistaking
Those full lyric notes of pain,
Mounting yet and yet again
From the mesdows wet with rain—
**Sweet—oh, Sweet—my heart is breaking?

I know better, lark, to-day:
I have walked with Sorrow; yea,
I know all that thou wouldst say:
And my heart with tears is aching
When across the fading year
Thou goest calling far and near
Oh, so mourfully and clear—
Sweet—oh, Sweet—my heart is breaking!

-Ella Higginson, in the Independent.

CHRISTIAN RE-UNION.

With beautiful and impressive ceremonies the Cathedral of the Sacred always the obligation to seek out the Heart was formally dedicated at Duluth truth. on the last Sunday in July. Arch-bishop Ireland preached the sermon. It was devoted to a discussion of the possibility and basis for a union of Christian forces and a present of the ly Father." Christian forces and a presentation of ideas embodied in recent Encyclical

that meets our eyes. We see Christian churches almost without number, with The Churchman has found a succession. snepherd. He speaks of His Church, when it has climbed as far as the connever of His Churches. There is one clusion.

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greatest misfortune for Christ's gospel. Christ brought His divine fruits from Heaven that men might be saved. He commanded that all nations be taught. What are we doing? When we send the gospel to the heathers we cloud that there has been substantially no in-

The Archbishop then spoke of patience and justice; of the belief in the mutual sincerity. It is the sincerity at the last day. We must put away the notion that a multiplicity of creeds the proper thing. Either Christ. It is our duty to study out what He did ious truth is that it is obligatory on us He speak so obscurely that men could est and the truth seeking. not understand Him. And so Christhat she is the oldest Church.

"What is that unity to mean? It say let us agree upon the main things. must be a method for adjudicating sapping of the crumbling pillars

said the Archbishop, "there must be tottering to its fall. one head, one organization. Christ followed just as it did in this country sons. thirty-five years ago.

She has come down through all stages historic past" is admittedly the Roman of civilization. She preached to the Catholic Church as she is to-day, there Jews, to the Romans under Nero, and is no fusion between her doctrines and

conditions warrant.

the Catholic Church would wish to see for thinking that it was a lost art. In the Protestant churches blotted out the face of such astounding audacity it and infidelity enter. Never would we is manifestly hopeless to argue on the wish that, for where God and Jesus subject of authority with certain eleare honored there is life. We believe that what they have is good, but that they have not all. There is no dogma of faith which the Protestant church unnecessary, and another outrages has which has not been cherished by the Catholic Church through all the centuries since Christ. The Catholic of discussion. All this bustle and re-Church says all who are baptized in furbishing of rusty armament means, An Eloquent Discourse by the Most
Rev. Archbishop Ireland at Duluth.

Church says all who are baptized in the faith of Christianity are her children. So long as they are sincere in conscience they are children of God. Conscience is the test. But there is We are all made for one God.

WANTED-A RELIGIOUS HASH.

Now that the professionally funny "A divided Christianity was not Christ's intention," said the Archishop "As we look around us to-day in Christian lands it is a sad spectacle may be found in other quarters, where

churches almost without number, with different creeds, not only separated from one another, but too often warring one with the other. We cannot ring one with the other. We cannot the Rev. Bishop Cleveland Coxe. He is the Rev. George W. Shinn, D. D. In the Churchman has found a succession of the contained a succession of the contained a succession of the contained a succession of the churchman has found a succession. believe that God, having sent His only its issue of August 29 it contained a let us have some of each, if there is Son on earth to teach heavenly truth. fine polemic from his pen. We comcould have been the author of a divided Christianity. His words are plain, "there shall be one fold and one shepherd." He speaks of His Church, when it has climbed as far as the con-

Lord and one plan of salvation. Christ did not give one plan of salvation for the Roman, one for the Greek, and another for the barbarian. Nations were to Him but accidents.

The late Bishop Coxe attracted no attention, because he denied too much. His successor in the controversial arena has adopted a different line of to Him but accidents.

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their minds in the beginning by giving them several. Oh, for a united Chris-Catholic Church in this country save by tianity! Then we could speak with confidence to the heathens. It is a great misfortune that four hundred longer tenable. He abandons the posiyears ago Christians divided. Since tion that the increase in the census re then the Christian armies have been turns means nothing more than a dis beaten. The great heavenly oneness of which God has spoken has not been visible."

The Archbishop then spoke of patience and justice; of the belief in mere heading of his essay, "Why Either Christ the good perturbed souls who have that they are taught certain dogmas or He did not, been wringing their hands over the ur duty to study out what He did
The great feature about relige Church. Leakage means usually a falling away of worthless ones through to study it. Christ did not talk to the winds. He talked to us. Neither did signifies an increment of the earn-

"It is not by missioners or by literatians cannot but believe that unity is ture," says Dr. Shinn, "that converthe boon of Christianity and that it can sions are to any extent made." This be accomplished. All will confess that is a pretty strong assertion, but inasthe old historic Church ought to be much as the disputant himself takes heard, for whatever may be thought care in his later argument to disprove of the Catholic Church it is admitted it, it is not necessary to argue, but to that she is the oldest Church. "The class of people he has "What is that unity to mean? It most in mind," he says, "are those is not sufficient to come under one roof serious folk who have looked at the and say we are one when we differ on Church of Rome as supplying them vital points. A truce is not unity. with what they thought they could not We must agree on a platform; we must get elsewhere." These two things are, have one constitution. There must be he explains, an unquestioned author one faith and one revelation. Some ity in religion and a more demonstrative religious life. These being the Well, which are the main things? persons the writer really has in mind, Christ taught nothing that is not essen-tial. Some say, let each put in some spread of Catholic literature and the things. Would such a creed last? It preaching of Catholic missionaries are would be a structure of sand. There not the cause of the slow but certain difficulties, a supreme court, just as we Protestantism? It is the spread of the have one in our nation. Christ never printed word which has brought men intended each individual to be the to the fountain-head to inquire whence arbiter of His teachings. He appointed it was that Newman got his inspiration a living tribunal—His Apostles. He It is the echo of the trumpet blast which told them to 'teach all nations all he sounded in his immortal tracts things and behold I am with you.' which is shaking the outer walls of the Oneness of creed is not sufficient," edifice all the time the inner fabric is

For the convenience of persons made Peter the head of His Church and desirous of having religion seasoned His successors had continued as such down to to day. In 1517 Martin to state that the Anglican Church pos-Luther filed his protest and secession sesses enough for all reasonable per-This authority he recognizes in rty-five years ago.
"the links of connection with the hisBut some say then to have unity toric past." The trifling fact that means to go back to the Church estab-lished by Christ. In judging the Church you must separate it from its environment. You must judge it by tion, makes in this estimable doctor's its teachings and by the lives of those mind no difference worth considerawho have followed them, not by the tion. Neither does the circumstance lives of those who have disgraced her. that, while what he refers to as "the

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"How does the Catholic Church look to ther Christian churches, is a ques we had any originality in controvers." at other Christian churches, is a question often asked. Do we think that ial methods that we might be pardoned subject of authority with certain ele-ments and offshoots of the Anglican unnecessary, and another outrages historical fact to prove that it possesses enough of it, it is time to quit the lists however, much uneasiness. It is not alone that a serious falling off is confessed; the immediate future is looked forward to with dismal apprehension. Something must be done to ward off the danger of wholsale desertion. Dr. Shinn compromises with his prejudices

in order to make a proposition.

It is painful to know that many people like the great Roman Catholic parish church, with its tawdry decoraions, its sensuous music, its unintelligible services and its sometimes repulsive ceremonial. This is what Dr. Shinn finds it, but as other people like this church, whose doors are open all may be found in other quarters, where one would least expect it. why it is better to do something to please them. He does not make a plea for ritualism, he says, nor for the methods of the Salvation Army, "but nothing else to be had beside these and the dull respectability of some parishes.' Alas for "authority!" Alas for "historic links!" When the people begin to show the same contempt for these pretensions as the originators of this poor Anglican makeshift did in their day, then it is time to consider what is our duty when the miserable wreck of dissent is at last driven on the rocks

Our duty is manifest. We must re-double our efforts to reach the souls and the minds of those shepherdless people. We must prevent them from being deluded by a jumble of tambourines and theology. Pulpit and printing press are called upon for renewed exertions: it is the hour for the voice and the pen. And let us not forget the open church door; though silent, it is often an eloquent, an irresistible plea. -Philadelphia Standard and Times.

INSTRUCTION FOR NON-CATH-

OLICS. Church without exactly knowing why. n most cases they make little or no attempt to participate in the worship, no doubt because they feel that they do not properly understand its meaning; and yet it is often evident that extreme nterest and attention is exhibited, and that they probably have a disposition to learn what is the cause of the intensity of devotion and reverence so onstantly seen on every Here," their heart whispers to them, is something I have not seen elsewhere. Here is widely conspicuous an earnestness of faith that there is no than the vulgar abuse and the puerile gainsaying. Here is no mere running after the sensational sermon or enter taining discourse, but adoration and prayer unceasing. Here is seemingly a supernatural Presence I can almost Surely this must be the very House of God and the porch of heaven!

But there is no one whom they venture to question; no one, as a rule, who cares to take the risk of offering explanations or ent in the memorable gathering. to urge these strangers to seek for guidance and the "kindly light" they are possibly groping and wishing for; of the Vatican, whose paternal solicino book store or free library where the tude for the Irish race has doubly enenquirers could get instructions upon deared him to Catholic and to National so many points they would like to Ireland. In the choice of a chairman, understand, even if they could guess at | too, the delegates made a selection that what books to ask for; and so nothing augured well for the interests of unity is done—absolutely nothing—and per-haps many such souls are finally lost. Irish Hierarchy is more revered than

It would seem as if we expected God | that of the patriotic prelate of Raphoe, o work a very miracle of grace while whose opening statement raised the we stand by and make no effort to proceedings to a pitch worthy alike of bring "men of good will" to the foot the momentous occasion and of the best of the cross. Meanwhile the "prince traditions of Dr. O'Donnell's distin-of this world" is active. No stone guished order. In a similar spirit were leaves he unturned to entice away such couched the subsequent addresses depoor souls, both personally and by livered. Unity and conciliation were means of human mouthpieces, with the watchwords, and none but those old bogies of "errors of Rome," "perse who are blindly wedded to factionist cution," "horrors of the confessional," courses can have objection to assist in curses can have objection to assist in the rule of the majority in political speakers. Those who are now things which the writer of these lines estranged from the National fold the rule of the majority in political speakers. Those who are now things which the writer of these lines estranged from the National fold the rule of the majority in political organizations. things which the writer of these lines estranged from the National fold was long taught, and once firmly have been invited to resume believed, but which he now knows, by their place among a united Irish the mercy of God and after patient in-

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THE SAVING OF THE IRISH

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of the millions of our expatriated race.

With them were joined the priests and the people of Ireland who,

against misrepresentation and even

stigmatise them as "nobodies,"

Care CATHOLIC RECORD, London. NATION. assembly the High Court in which The Dublin Freeman's Journal of should be tried out to a definite end the Sept. 5, sums up the results of the Irish Race Convention in an editorial rights and wrongs of the present unhappy situation. A long discussion full of good sense and hopefulness. It took place upon an amendment moved says that never in the history of our by the Rev. P. F. Flynn, the patriotic pastor of Ballybricken, to the effect race has there been gathered in one assembly a more magnificent or more that a committee of arbitration should inspiring representation of Irishmen be appointed, consisting of home and foreign delegates, which should be emthan that which met in the Leinster Hall this week, and never had Irishmen a purer or nobler mission than that which attracted the accredited Nationalists might stand. The question was fairly and fully debated; delegates of our people to the Irish capital from all parts of the world. No Irishmen, unless they be hopelessly but it was clearly evident that the steeped in faction, can ignore the signal manifestation of National feeling that the great convention evidenced. Its deliberations have sounded Patriotism to its depths, and the high sense of to a committee. The subsequent withresponsibility which the delegates have brought to their glorious work, drawal of the amendment and the rev gentleman's ready acquiescence in the the elevated tone which has marked rule of the majority were evidences of his sterling and well tried National the proceedings, and the devotion to the ideas of nationhood which ran through every delegate's utterance, principles, and we trust that the noble advice which he gave to others of a will revivify in Irish hearts feeling of similar way of thinking may be speed hope and gladness which the slavery of ily and cordially acted upon, and may dissension had nearly extinguished. result in the realization of the hopes There is, indeed, occasion for exceedfor National unity which are now surging joy in the bringing together, in ing high in the breast of every Irishsolemn council, of Ireland's scattered man. sons, whose every heart-throb beats true to Ireland's cause. Nothing short THE IRISH RACE CONVENTION. of a tremendous national crisis could evoke the profound enthusiasm which punctuated the progress of the Con-Important Manifesto. vention, and it is gratifying to think At a meeting of the foreign delegates that, after all the horrors of the past few years, there is a substantial and cheering prospect that the labors of the most Democratic Parliament which

to the Irish Race Convention it was agreed that the following address be I to-night, after the greatest success issued to the Irish people at home and ever achieved for any Irish convenabroad : ever assembled in a nation's cause will be fruitful of permanent and abiding

homes we deem it our duty to place on results. Representative men from the greater Ireland beyond the seas, men record our grateful appreciation of the come together and choose a leader for courtesy and kindness with which we who have carved their way to fame and fortune in the United States, the have been received and treated by the home delegates to the Irish Race Condo this, then I will execute the manhome delegates to the Irish Race Contralia and New Zealand, were there to

"We came absolutely unbiased in our views towards any party or section of many members of the party, and on views towards any party or section of party in the Irish Parliamentary repre-Ireland's political independence can sentation, determined to form an indebe achieved. In their own persons they exemplify the dignity, the manpendet opinion based on our own observations. We are bound to add that liness and the power of liberty - lov-ing institutions with which their lives the gentlemen who are responsible for Editor Catholic Record - Dear Sir have been identified. At the call of the arrangements of the Convention have been identified. At the call of scrupulously abstained from any the motherland, and regardless of external whatever to influence our to attend our conferences. We are satisfied that the great Convention their great sacrifices, not only their brother delegates but the whole Irish which we have attended was, in its nation have the deepest and most heartcomposition, character, and numbers, representative of the Nationalists o Ireland, and that it voiced the Irish National spirit.

may seek in its impotent wrath to be-little their influence, but their creden-" We have watched the proceedings of the Convention from the beginning to end, and we have heard the fullest tials are before the world, their senti ments and their demeanour show them and freest possible discussion of every to be patriots of the purest and highest point brought under its deliberations, to be patriots of the purest and highest and we have seen that its decisions character that ever stood up for Irehave been unanimously taken. land's rights, and it will take more "We have been particularly iminanities in the Redmondite organ to

pressed by the earnest unanimity with which the Convention declared for genuine party unity necessarily involving discipline and respect for ma-We record our own entire belief

in party unity, based on the only foundation possible—submission to the brute force, have held the National cause above the interests of fac-tion. Every element that could majority.
"We believe in a real unity, and

ensure glorious results was preswe exhort all who have the welfare of Ireland at heart to support the majority of their representatives who have acted up to their pledges.
"We believe in party discipline as

the means by which unity is main-tained; and we declare that the preservation of discipline can be entrusted only to the men who keep the party pledge. "As delegates from the Irish Race in the United States, the Dominion of

Canada, Newfoundland, South Africa, and the Australasian colonies, we earnestly call upon the people of Ire-land to stand together for unity in the cause of Home Rule and discipline in the Home Rule Party in Parliament. "As citizens of countries enjoying the blessings of free government we affirm there is no other line of effective courses can have objection to assist in action known to us than submission to

our various homes, to convey to our people our sense of the magnitude, authority, and order of the Convenpeople, and assist in a mission which gives ample scope for the best energies | tion ; and as delegates we pledge ourvestigation, are wholly untrue.

What is proposed now is this. Let of Nationalist Irishmen. If they selves to give our loyal and unfailing each reader who knows of cases such hearken not to the counsels support to the Parliamentary Party

under Constantine to the Gauls, to the Germans, and so down through the ages. Her monasteries have often been the homes of what little learning there was. Is it fair to judge her by her official acts; for what has she done. She cannot change her dogma, for it comes from Christ. She has, however, her discipline which is subject to change. These laws are of her own to obstruct the Irish people in their onward march to the goal of National freedom.

The second day's proceedings amply fulfilled the promise of the first. The first business on the agenda paper gave rise to a remarkable demonstration which showed the oneness of purpose that dominated every delegate, and their determination to make that Nova Scotia; P. F. Cronin, Secretary Canadian Delegation, Toronto; James to obstruct the Irish people in their on- Montreal ; John McKeown, St. Cathar-

CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION.

Canadian Delegation, Toronto ; James

. O'Brien .

The Irish race convention held in Dublin on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of last week is counted upon as a great success by all who attended it. Mr Healy and Mr. Redmond and powered to provide if possible a com-mon platform upon which all Irish the deliberations, are credited as dubbing the convention a failure, but in their case the wish was very likely father to the thought. Justin Mcsense of the Convention was against the proposal. It was a sovereign assembly called together to arbitrate upon those very issues which the Convention was asked to delegate deliberations and warning of this week, persist in ignoring the authority of the majority, the constituents of such men will have to take action at

the next general election."

John Dillon, in an interview on

Thursday night, said:
"At least 100 Parnellities and 150 Healyites were present at the convention just closed. Yet so impressed were they with the sincerity and unity of the delegates that none of them raised a voice of protest to deny or dispute anything. It is charged that the priests are against us, yet over 400 were present and were eager support-

ers. The success achieved far exceeds my most sanguine hopes. "Regarding the future, I desire to say to the American people, in the most unmistakable way possible, that, while tion called as this has been, still up-"Before leaving for our respective hold and repeat my offer to stand aside with Healy and Redmond, if they will all of the Nationalists, yet, if they are date received from the convention, and

> unity we will go to the country.
> "After such a demonstration as has just been concluded. I believe that we can sweep Ireland on this issue. I ask all firm friends of Ireland in the United States and Canada to support me in the

hoped for a failure declare that their No Bigotry in the Queen's Navy.

There is no Apaism in the British

Navy. Not long ago the flagship "Ramelles," the "Cambrian," the "Hawke," and the "Surprise," were at Nice, and the three hundred Cathoics on board of them were allowed the opportunity to make a spiritual reconfession and Communion. They were brought to the shore in small boats every morning and thence they marched to church. A correspondent says:

"Their fine, well-disciplined bearing made their march to church one of the Sunday sights at Nillefranche. In church they conducted themselves with admirable devotion, and the Bishop of Nice and the parish priest of V franche were loud in their praise of the men, the officers, and the courteous and easy arrangements made for the spiritual welfare of the crews. The en turned up magnificently for their Easter duties, and Father David gave every man who approached the sacraments a certificate to send home to the mothers, wives and relatives in England and Ireland. By a letter of introduction from the Queen's Secretary, Sir Fleetwood Edwards, K. C. B., R. E., every facility was granted for spiritual administrations to the crews on board of well as on shore. H. S. H. Prince Louis and the other captains were most willing that ample opportunities should be given to Father David to see to the spiritual welfare of the men, and orders were issued accordingly. And this, mind you, is in the navy belonging to Queen Victoria, the head

of the Protestant Church in England. Orangemen must feel blue when they hear of the regard for the rights of conscience of her Catholic seamen.

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