### CREMATION A PAGAN CUSTOM.

AN ABLE EXPOSITION OF THE SUBJECT S. J., IN THE CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA. THE REASONS FOR THE CHURCH OPPOS-ING THE IRRELIGIOUS PRACTICE.

Though the custom of burning the dead was very common among the pagans says Father William Devlin, S. J., in the fourth volume of the Catholic Encyclopedia, it was wholly unknown to and forbidden by the Jews. The Christians never burned their dead, but followed the practice of the Jews and the personal example of their Divine Founder.

What Christian faith has always held, the bear of the control of their Divine Founder.

in this regard, is clearly put by a churchman of the third century after

"We do not fear that if the body be burned, there will be no resurrection; but we adhere to the custom handed

In all the legislation of the Church the placing of the body in the earth or tomb constituted a part of Christian burial, and in the fourteenth century Pope Boniface issued a decree excom-municating all who neglected to closely

follow the injunctions of the Church in regard to burial of Christian dead. In 1886 Pope Leo XIII, issued another decree, in which he forbade membership decree, in which he forbade membership remailing societies and declared the unlawfulness of demanding cremation for one's own body or that of another. Why the Church has legislated so in the matter of cremation, and in forbidding it, rests on strong motives; for cremation in the majority of cases today is knit up with circumstances that make of it a public profession of materi-alism and irreligion.

It was the Free Masons who first obatined recognition of the practice from the various governments. And it was clear enough that the movement was anti-clerical and anti-Catholic.

Reasons based on the spirit of Christian charity and the plain interests of humanity, have but strengthened her in her opposition. She holds it unseemly that the human body, once the living temple of God, the instrument of heavenly virtue, sanctified so often by the sacraments, should finally be subjected to a treatment that filial piety, conjugal and fraternal love or even mere friendship seems to revolt against as inhuman.

Another argument against cremation, and drawn from medico-legal sources, lies in this: That cremation destroys all signs of violence or traces of poison, and makes examination impossible; whereas a judicial autopsy is always possible

a function autopsy is always possione after inhumation, even of some months. It is in the interest of all murdets by poison to have the bodies of their victims cremated, in order that the evidence of their foul deeds might be undiscovered, or at least be befogged

There exist in Europe ninety crema tories, and the number of incinerations is above 125,000. In France there are three crematories, in the United States three crematories, in the United States twenty-nine, in Great Britain twelve, in Italy thirty, in Germany nine, in Swit-zerland four, in Sweden two, in Den-mark, Canada, Argentia and Australia

At first sight, 125,000 seems a large number; but at a glance at the Paris statistics: from 1889 to 1905, there were 73,330 cremations in Paris.

Of these only 3,484 were by request

37,082 were hospital cases; 32,757 were Of requested cremation, there were 216 in 1894 and 354 in 1904—an increase

It cannot, therefore, be said to be a fact that cremation is a sign of progress in civilization. The world would appear to be against it wholly. of 138 in ten years.

#### THE TWO FRANKLINS BOTH DIS-TINGUISHED CONVERTS.

Rear Admiral Samuel R. Franklin, U. S. N., has recently died, and while a great deal has been said of the civic side of his character, little comment has been made on the religious side. It is this side that, after all, reveals the nobility of the man. The Hartford Transcript

closed twelve years ago, had cover period of forty-six years, was a brother of the late General William Bael Frank-lin, corps commander during the Civil War, whose memory is fragrant of glory War, whose memory is tragrant of glory to Hartford and Connecticut and whom the Army and Navy Journal numbers among America's Immortals. The Ad-miral was also a convert to the Catholic religion of long standing, robust as a soldier in his faith, fearless in its profession, but as simple as a child in his piety and devotion.

" During the life of the General, his no less distinguished brother was a frequent visitor at his home on Washington street. And while in the city he was a regular and devout attendant at St. Peter's Church or the Immaculate Conception on Park street, invariably assisting at the High Mass accompanied by his wife, who was also a Catholic, and occupying a pew well up towards the front. The people of that neighborhood cannot have forgotten that tall, hand-some, dignified figure, whose personal appearance was striking. Straight as a ramrod, his erect form, light step and graceful carriage almost belied the years that had blanched his abundant hair and large mustache and unmistakably pro-claimed the soldier and officer accustomed to command. Distinction was written on his strong, cleancut features. The first impression of a forceful character, used to authority, was soon, with agreeable surprise, tempered by a charm of simplicity and frankness of speech and manner which blended happily with his stern might bearing. He was a man good ok upon, whom one was

apt to rem "He seems never to have lost the first fervor of his conversion and his religion was the greatest thing in the world to him the pearl of great price, for the possession of which he would have parted with all else. A near relative of the late Admiral relates this story: A young lady, mee ing him in the vesti-bule of St. Matthew's Church in Washlar visit to the Blessed Sacrament, remarked: 'Why, Admiral, I did not 'Branch and Sacrament's CHASE'S OINTMENT.

know you came here too!' 'Certainly, Miss—,' was his reply. 'I have to re-port every day to my Commander in-chief, you know.'
"It is indeed remarkable that two

"It is indeed remarkable that two brothers, the one a soldier, the other a sailor, should each in his chosen calling, have 'trod the ways of glory and sounded all the depths and shoals of honor. Both lived to a ripe old age after long, most valuable and distinguished service to their country; and both died starred with the highest honors in their respective departments, the one a major-general, the other a real-admiral. Both were veterans of the Mexican and Civil wars."

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The Admiral, who was in his eighty-fourth year when he died, was appointed a midshipman in 1841, four years previous to the establishment of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and thus with him was broken one of "the few remaing links that bind our present huge aggregation of floating steel giants with the wooden ships and half-steam, half-sail vessels of half a century ago." The list of his appointments—his roll of honor—would fill columns. Therein, among other things, it is mentioned that he was a volunteer on board the Roanoke he was a volunteer on board the Roanoke when that vessel met the Merrimac in when that vessel met the Merrimac in an engagement in Hampton Roads in March, 1862. While in command of the "Franklin," he brought "Boss" Tweed back to New York from Spain. He was president of the International Marine Conference in 1889.

In him patriotism and religion went hand in hand. He served his country well, his God not less well. Wherefore, he was not in his age left naked to his enemies.—The Missionary.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

NOVEL COUNCIL ORGANIZED A'ND DISBAND ED ON SHIPBOARD.

That Knights of Columbus fraternize when they meet was exemplified on the last outgoing trip of the Mauretania. Among the passengers were many members of the order from various sections of the country, and in a spirit of fun it was decided to organize a council to be known as Mauretania Council 1909 (address by wireless). A meeting of all the Knights on board was held, and the following officer were duly elected: G. K., R. J. McMahon, of Michigan; D. G. K., Richard Bennett, Brooklyn, N. Y., chaplain, Rev. Father Brady, Colorado; chancellor, David J. Sherlock, Xavier chancellor, David J. Sherlock, Xavier Council, New York City; recorder, P. M. Heron, Auburn, N. Y.; F. S., John Condon, California; warden, R. J. Gray, Kansas; I. G., P. J. O'Connell, Chicago; O. G., Thomas Cowan, New Jersey; advocate, Judge William Scott, Onio; trustees, Rev. J. Cordon, New York, Rev. P. Enright, Arkansas, and Judge P. H. Smith, Michigan.

By special permission of the steward one of the private dining rooms was placed at the disposal of the Knights. where two meetings were held daily. The morning session opened at 10 a. m. and continued until noon, and the night session, which was entirely of a social character, commenced at 9 o'clock and lasted until 11 p.m. The condition of the order in various sections of the country was discussed and many interesting experiences were related. Music, mirth and song enlivened the night

session. A special meeting was held on Sat-urday, July 18th, at which it was resolved to hold religious services on the following day (Sunday.) The exclusive use of the dining saloon was turned over to the Knights for divine service, and for the first time Mass was celebrated on the big liner. The dining saloon was taxed to its capacity. Rev. Father Cor-

On Sunday evening July 18th, an entertainment under the auspices of "Mauretania Council" was held, follow-

Irish coast a hail storm was noticed in of his published reasons for seeking ad-"This splendid type of the naval officer, whose active service, when it closed twelve years ago, had covered a Moore's beautiful melody, "Erin, the "It was the result of my deliberate".

Tear and the Smile in Thine Eye. It was unanimously agreed that the "chancellor," Brother David J. Sherlock of Xavier Council, should, as press agent, report the council proceedings for The Register, and after farewell greetings, "Mauretania Council, 1909," disbanded.—Register.

## LORD RIPON, THE CATHOLIC.

Preaching on the occasion of the funeral of the Marquis of Ripon, Rev. Bernard Vaughan, S. J., paid a notable tribute to the deceased statesman as "a devoted son of Mother Church" whose claims he acknowledged thirty-five years ago under circumstances that proved his loyalty to conscience at whatever cost.
"There is no need," said the eloquent

Jesuit, "to remind you of the personal interest he took in all her (the Church's) public institutions, confraternities and charities. On his prie-dieu, in his pri-vate chapel, I noticed, after his death, a anch used little book of rules belonging to the brothers of St. Vincent of Paul. He did not merely lend his name to the splendid sceiety, but he became an energizing member of it, visiting his poorer brethren and ministering to their wants as to the suffering members of Christ's mystical body. His interior life was "hid with Christ in God." To be a Brother of St. Vincent of Paul was to him a greater privilege than being a member of the Government. Lord Rupon's life was duly ordered:

there was method in every detail of it. I may tell you that, rising early, he prepared for his daily Mass and Holy Communion by mental and vocal prayer

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We may say he lived from one visit to the Blessed Sacrament to another. He was constantly in and out of the chapel. was constantly in and out of the ensperiors. So spiritual a man, you may be sure, was not easily put off his devotional reading. A devourer of books, Lord Ripon was familiar with a wide range of ascetic literature. He kept the ideals of sanct-

ity before his soul.

Great men are very simple. He, who was so ardent a politician, so keen a sportsman, and so ready a conversationalist upon a wide range of subjects, a Cabinet Minister and a foreign Vice-Cabinet Minister and a foreign Viceroy, was in his spiritual life as simple as the child put before us by our Lord in the Gospel. He loved such plous practices as putting up a penny candle before our Lady's statue, placing a flower from his buttonhole at her feet, and telling her beads, and singing her hymns with a heart brimful of joy. His crucifix he liked to hold in the hollow of his hand, pressing it with plous ejaculations to his lips. Was he not a Catholic to his finger-tips?

A touching incident characteristic of him was the incident which I must tell

A touching incident which I must tell you. Shortly before he breathed his last, his chaplain attempted to draw from his hand a crucifix that he might bless him with it, but our dying friend bless him with it, but our dying friend looked up, smiled, and with both his hands clutched his cross, as though he meant to say, "I cannot part with it for a moment." When the end came, like a child falling asleep, he closed his eyes forever to this world, but he opened them to see the smile of the Master he served so loyally. May we not believe he heard the word: "Well done, well done, enter inth the joy of thy well done, enter inth the joy of thy

#### CONVERSION DUE TO YOUTHFUL IMPETUOSITY.

Lord Roseberry, in a speech several years ago on the Accession Declaration, made that rather rare thing in the conmade that rather rare taining in the conventional atmosphere of the House of
Lords—an intimate personal allusion to
a brother peer. Needless to say, it was
a particularly happy and graceful one.
The futility of a declaration of adherence
to Protestantism made at the beginning of a reign as any guarantee of the per-manence of that adherence was his theme anneace of that addressee was theme.

A fit illustration was at hand. "Is it supposed that men only join the Catholic Church in early life?" asked Lord Roseberry, turning toward Lord Brampton's seat. "There is—I hope I may be pardoned the allusion—one of the brightest jutablets of this House, a law lord. est intellects of this House, a law lord, who gave in his adhesion to the Church of Rome long after he had passed the span of life." Lord Roseberry might have added that, even a senior to Lord Brampton was the late Sir Bourchier Wrey, who—a neophyte at over eighty— nevertheless used to say that a still more venerable relative, writing to him about his conversion, attributed it to the im-

"Mauretania Council" was held, followed by a grand banquet. Among the guests who attended were the Duke of Sutherland, Captain Pritchard of the Mauretania, Hon. J. Sargent Cram of New York, Robert Goelet, Justice Crain of the supreme court of New York, Rev. J. McFrazier, and many other notables.

As the great turbiner neared the Irish coast a half storm was noticed in

"It was the result of my deliberate conviction that the truth—which was conviction that the truth—which was all I sought—lay within the Catholic Church. I thought the matter out by myself, anxiously and seriously, uninfluenced by any human being and I have unwavering satisfaction in the conclusion at which I have arrived, and my conscience tells me it is right."—Catholic learns. Reselvet Penny Booklet.

### MARION CRAWFORD AND CONFES-SION.

An able non-Catholic writer who con-An able non-Catnonic writer who contributes articles on literary matters to the Otago Daily Times, Dunedin, Australia, makes in a recent issue the following references to the lately deceased novelist convert, Marion Crawford: "I have extreme pleasure in testifying to the illumination which I personally obtained while reading one of Mr. Marion Crawford's novels in re-gard to the Catholic faith and its church system. I had inherited the Protestant prejudice against the confessional, but

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reunion of Christendom. When Canon Sheehan calls upon Catholics individual-ly to consider whether they are really doing all in their power to make their position intelligible to the world, and their

happiness communicable, it seems to me that ere he died Marion Crawford was able truthfully to say: 'I have done what I could.'"

pon't Like Everything In Church

"Descriptions by converts of their feeling as Catholic neophytes have become familiar," according to the London Tablet. "The late Father George Angus recalled more than once, for the benefit of our readers, the circumstances of his recention into the Church thirty-

of his reception into the Church, thirty-

six years ago, by Father Walter Richards, of the Oblates of St. Charles, Bays-

water—himself an Oxford convert. Father Angus taking up his pen twenty-

eight years after that event, in an intro-spective mood asks himself a question which is a corollary of that earlier one. 'Do I like everything in the Catholic Church now?'he writes: 'By no means. As the Church has her human element, as

the Church has her human element, as she is composed of men and women of course I do not like everything—or, for that matter everybody—with which, or with whom I come into contact.' But then he adds: 'In the Catholic religion there is an amount of freedom found nowhere else.'"

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