What peculiar people we are to be sure. Recently we had a lot of splendid ideas and we brought them out of the storerooms of our thoughts and into the light of the daw. We were to have a Catholic Club, an Irish Catholic High School and one or two other things, and now it would appear as if we had forgotten about the great deeds that we were to do. I carnestly hope that some one will stir us out of the present moribund state and force us to live up to the promises of the things that were to be.

With a great show of wisdom, the Police Committee decreed that crippled poor should not be allowed to exhibit themselves in our streets, but strangely neglected to arrange for their future. It is quite right that these unfortunate people should be removed from the streets, but what are they going to do? There is no such thing as a poor-house, and it is not proper that they should be sent to gaol. Or course there are a number of institutions in the city, and doubtless these people will find somewhere to get sheller. At least it is to be hoped that they will.

The large increase in the immigration from Ireland proves conclusively that there is something wrong in the government of Ireland, all declaration from English parliamentarians to the contrary not with standing. By overtaxation agriculture has been brought to such a state that it is almost unprofitable to till the soil. Transportation between Ireland and England is so poor that cat-tle shipped to the latter country suffers much more than cattle shipped from Canada and elsewhere, and is in such a state when landed that the prices realized are considerably less than what they should be. Ireland is an agricultural country, and when that is affected other business must necessarily suffer. There is but one relief, immigration, and that is the reason that to-day there are more Irishmen in America than in Ireland.

Edward Farrer, a Canadian author, on the effect produced in the Province of Quebec by immigration to the North eastern States, the following sentence occurs: "Throughout the Province of Quebec there is n-ow a growing demand that less time abound be devoted to the catechism and more to English and the three R's." I would like to know in what localities ihis demand has been voiced? This is a question that Mr. Farrer cannot answer, for the simple reason that the state of affairs which he pictures does not exist. The Catholic Honour. He certainly deserved some recognizes, and will continue to do so reward, for during his thirty years of in spite of attempted neutralizing influences of irresponsible scribblers, that it acquainted with his religion than anything else. Perhaps it is with Mr. Far-rer, as it is with many others, "The wish is father to the thought."

The Chicago Claizen, of which Mr. J. Finerty is Chief Editor, devotes an article, characteristically vigorous and outspoken, to the criticism of a lecture, editor of the Citizen objects to Mr. Adams' assumption that by the rule of God Ireland was always to be a martyr among the nations solely for the purpose of being a living witness to the faith which it was their mission to spread. "Where all other mations had a material destiny, God decreed that Ireland should have a supernatural destiny,"—"poor blighted Erin was selected by God from the rest as the land that should suffer." These and other assertions the editor of the Citizen pronounces "pious blather," and he denies that God ever intended Ireland to be made a vicarious sacrifice for the spread of the true faith. He considers such a statement an arraignment of God's justice and a reproach to the other great Catholic countries of the world. There are portions of the Citizen's article which appear strange if not unfounded. Among these more specially is the charge that the falling off from the faith of Irish Catholics, in America is appalling and that the change of Irish to non-Irish names is far-extending. If Irish people abandon their paternal names to such an extent as the Citizen would have us believe, why do those bearers of Irish names who became Protestant generations ago still keep up the old names, of which some of them are not a little proud? In England and Scotland there are Irish names in abundance. If in the United States zome Irish names undergo modification, the same thing happens with English, Scotch, Welsh, French, German and Italian names, which are constantly changing through mis pronunciation and mis spelling. Of course, there are Irish people who have changed their mames as there are members of other nationalities who have done so. In a mixed community such transformations are unavoidable. But that the practice is peculiarly characteristic of the Irish I do not believe. On the contrary, I think they are less likely to give up themames they brought from the old land than are the immigrants to the United States. As for the Citizen's charge of, wide spread apostacy nothing but unque tionable evidence would make me believe it. I look upon the statement as a calumny.

Writes the Marquise de Fontenoy in away. the Chicago Record:

Among the most interesting of the foreign delegates to the postal congress at Washington is the Hon. John Gavan Duffy, postmaster general of the Australian colony of Victoria and eldest son of old Sir Charles Duly, the associate of Daniel O'Conneil, and founder of the young Ireland party

Sir Charles repeatedly suffered imprisonment for his services to the cause of Ireland, especially for his revolutionary utterances in his imfluential Dublin newspaper, the Nation. On one occasion Sir Charles and the centire staff of the get Hood's and ONLY HOOD'S.

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paper were jailed by the vicercy. Lord diers, made up by the Friendly Sons of for their expressions of love and homage Clarendon, whereupon Lady Wilde, St. Patrick of Philadelphia, when the and their kind wishes for his future hapmother of the ignoble Oscar, and Mrs. Callan stepped into the breach, established themselves in editorial control of the paper and continued to bring it out day by day, until finally it was suppressed by the British authorities. It is that Mrs. Callan's daughter who is now the wife of cestors, and not less proud of his Irish control control cestors, and Catholic faith. postmaster general.

Sir Charles himself, finding at a given moment that he was no longer in accord with the leaders of the party which he had founded, migrated to Australia, where, after winning fortune at the bar, he entered politics once more and became a cabinet minister. For his services as such on two occasions the honor of knighthood was offered him by the governor in the name of the queen. The first time he declined, but the second time the distinction was pressed upon him in such a manner that he resolved to accept.

Time was, and not so very long either, when the workingman occupied but little attention and was regarded, in fact, simply as a very useful animal but not entitled to any consideration. But now things have changed, and the workingman's place in life is being recognized. This is shown by a proposal that is about to be submitted to the Friday evening. legislature of the Canton of Basle, for the insurance of factory opera-tives and persons engaged in building trades and earth work of all kinds, against being out of work from unavoidable causes. It is proposed that all workers should contribute to the insur ance fund some sum varying according to their wages, from 2d. to 6d. per week. The employers should pay 1d. to 2d. a week for every workman in their employment. The State will bear the cost of administration, and pay a subsidy of £1,000 towards the reserve fund Those who are insured will receive a sum varying from 4s. 6d. to 11s. 2d. per week when they are out of work. Relief cannot be claimed for more than ninetyone days during any one working year No relief is paid upon the first week of worklessness. No relief is to be given to those who are out of work owing to a wages dispute or of dismissal on ac-

count of wrongful conduct.
On the subject of workingmen Mr. d'Avenel has a very interesting article In an article in the Forum by Mr in La Revue des Deux Mondes, in which among other things he says: The wages of French masons have enormously increased. Foremen get £14 a month, and ordinary workmen us. a day of ten hours. These masons, however, are tenacious of their old customs, particularly of the Sunday bath, to which each man takes a couple of eggs, the yolks of which he uses to wash his whitened hair. In England it would be considered absurd to give an Order to a workman, but a foreman named Maffrand was some years ago made a knight of the Legion of service not a single accident had occurred to any workman under his orders, so is of more importance to be thoroughly | carefully had he always arranged his scaffoldings.

A London Police Magistrate, writing in the North American Review on the subject of "Drink and Drunkenness in London," pleads strongly in favour of aud Katie Lewis as well as the violin legislation on the recommendations of Mr. Wharton's Committee in 1893. He is worthy of special note. tells the story of Jane Cakebread and The "Little One's Wishes" and the tells the story of Jane Cakebread and Tottie Fay, and thinks that nothing can delivered by Mr. Henry Austin Adams at | be done unless there is some legislation Hartford, Conn., and of which a synopsis appeared in the Co-lumbian, a Catholic lowing summary of the suggestions of Postland Maine. The made by Mr. Wharton's Committee, which he would gladly see embodied in

(1). That power should be given for the compulsory commitment to a retreat of persons coming within the definition of an habitual drunkard, as laid down in the (English) Act of 1890, on the application of their relatives or friends, or other persons interested in their welfare, such application to be made to any Judge of the High Court, County Court Judge, Stipendiary Magistrate, or Justice sitting in Quarter of Petty Sessions, who shall decide on the propriety of the application. (2) That reformatory institutions should be provided, aided by contributions from imperial and local funds towards the cost of their building and maintenance (as in the case of existing reformatories and industrial institutions for juvenile offenders), for the reception and detention of criminal habitual drunkards, who might be subjected to less rigorous discipline than in existing prisons and to the performance of such labors as may be prescribed.
(3) That magistrates should have the power to commit to such reformatory institutions for lengthened periods with or without previous punishment or imprisonment habitual drunkards (a) who come within the action of the criminal law; (b) who fail to find required sureties and recognizances; (c) who have been brought up for breach of such recognizances; (d) who are proved guilty of ill-treatment or neglect of their wives and families; (e) who have been convicted of drunkenness three or more times within the previous twelve monthe.

It seems to be generally agreed amongst the witnesses who were examined by the committee that it was quite hopeless to effect the cure of a habitual drunkard within a less period than twelve months.

ADMIRAL MEADE DEAD.

Rear Admiral Richard Worsam Meade, U.S.N. (retired), died on Tuesday, May 4, at Dr. Johnson's private sanitarium in Washington, D.C. He had been ill for several weeks. Mrs. Meade was present when her distinguished husband passed

Rear-Admiral Richard Worsam Meade, the third of his name, is one of the most illustrious of a long line of American sailors and soldiers. His ancestor, Robert Meade of Limerick, Ireland, came to America in the early part of the eight-eenth century and settled in Philadelphia. The son of Robert was George Meade, who gave \$10,000 to the fund for the relief of Washington's suffering sol-

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The Papils of the Order of the Coagre g tion of Notre Dame Hold an Entertainment in Honor of the Occasion.

Eight years ago, Friday, says the Peterborough Review, His Lordship Bishop O'Connor was consecrated Bishop of Peterborough diocese, and the eighth the presentation of a delightful programme, presented in the convent hall

That His Lordship is beloved and revered by his people, and more especially by the children of the convent, was beautifully indicated by the sentiments of love, affection and esteem symbolized in the beautiful floral offerings laid at his feet by the bevy of faries last evening, His Lordship virtually reclining in a bed of roses. And the addresses, too, of the little tots all breathed the same kindly sentiments that His Lordship would be long spared to dwell amongst them.

The audience present was a very large one and the following were a few of the gentlemen present:—Jas. Kerdry, M P.; J. R. Stratton, M.P.P.; D. W. Dumble, Hampden Burnham, R. Fair, L. M. Hayes, M. H. Quinlan and Jno. Mo-

Promptly at 8 o'clock His Lordship entered accompanied by the cathedral clergy, after which the following excellent programme was rendered :--

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The Little One's Wish..... Song-Our Fondest Memories..... Music-Ye Merry Birds.....

Violin Solo—The Harp of Tara..... A Festal Offering to Our Beloved Bishop. Spring Crown of Flowers. Music—Irish Airs.....

Vocal Solo—Love's Garden..... Instrumental Duet—Philomel..... God Save the Queen.

The performers in each number acquitted themselves in a creditable manner, but Miss Lottie Bell in her violin number, "The Harp of Tara," carried off the palm of the evening. Her brilliant rendition of that touching Irish melody earned for her a warm encore which was gracefully recognized by the young lady. The vocal work of Misses L. Jackson, Jennie Riley, Annie Simons playing of Miss Pollock and the pianists

PROUD OF HIS LITTLE LAMBS.

programme, cordially thanked the pupils McCarthy.

residence in Peterborough and to the kindly feeling that existed amongst all classes-Catholic and Protestant, and trusted it would continue. He was proud of his little lambs, and urged them to continue in their good course, and be-

come models of modesty and purity.
Mr. Jas. Kendry, M.P., expressed his delight at being present, not only to listen to the delightful programme, but also to congratulate his lordship upon the eighth anniversary of his consecration as bishop He also congratulated the staff of the institution upon the ex-

c :llence of the programme presented. Mr. J. R. Stratton, M.P.P., was pleased to be present to extend his congratulations to his lordship, and endorse what the latter had said in reference to the kindly feeling existing amongst all classes in Peterborough. His lordship, he stated, was popular with all classes, and he further congratulated him upon the successful work accomplished during his eight years in the di cese.

Mr. D. W. Dumble made an eloquent address, in which he congratulated his lordship on his eighth anniversary, and anniversary was observed by the convent the staff of the convent and the pupils of the Congregation de Notre Dame in | for the musical treat provided. He referred to the beautiful floral tributesin them could be seen the hand or God, but dearer still to his lordship were the young flowers of his flock, who had so beautifully and gracefully acquitted

themselves during the evening.

Mr. J. Hampden Bursham desired to
extend his congratulations to his lordship. It was indeed a pleasure to him to be present, and whilst the musical programme as a whole was for Mr. Burnham a delightful treat he desired to congratulate Miss Lottie Bell on her violin playing, which he characterized as admirable. He referred to the high quality of the teaching imparted to the young ladies at the couvent, and was of the belief that such training would exert a powerful influnce for good in a boy.

Messrs. L. M. Hayes and R Fair also extended their congratulations to his lordship, and expressed themsetves as delighted with the evening's programme. Aiter Venerable Archdeacon Casey had, on behalf of the clergy, congratulated his lordship on the eighth anniversary of his consecration and assured him of their loyalty and devotion, the evening closed with the National Anthem.

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