

Note and Comment.

What peculiar people we are to be sure. Recently we had a lot of splendid ideas and we thought them out of the storerooms of our thoughts and into the light of the day.

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.

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 notwithstanding.

In an article in the Forum by Mr. 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 now a growing demand that less time should be devoted to the catechism and more to English and the three R's."

The Chicago Citizen, of which Mr. J. Finerty is Chief Editor, devotes an article, characteristically vigorous and outspoken, to the criticism of a lecture, delivered by Mr. Henry Austin Adams at Hartford, Conn., and of which a synopsis appeared in the Columbian, a Catholic newspaper of Portland, Maine.

Writes the Marquis de Fontenay in 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 Duffy, the associate of Daniel O'Connell, and founder of the young Ireland party.

paper were jailed by the viceroy, Lord Clarendon, whereupon Lady Wilde, mother 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.

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.

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.

On the subject of workmen Mr. d'Avenel has a very interesting article 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 £8 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."

A London Police Magistrate, writing in the North American Review on the subject of "Drink and Drunkenness in London," pleads strongly in favour of legislation on the recommendations of Mr. Wharton's Committee in 1893.

(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.

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 away.

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 eighteenth century and settled in Philadelphia.

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DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

His Lordship Bishop O'Connor Celebrates the Eighth Anniversary of His Consecration.

The Pupils of the Order of the Congregation 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 anniversary was observed by the convent of the Congregation de Notre Dame in the presentation of a delightful programme, presented in the convent hall Friday evening.

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 ladies last evening. His Lordship virtually reclining in a bed of roses.

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

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

- PROGRAMME. Festal March..... Song—All Hail this Happy Meeting..... Vocal Solo—No! Not More Welcome..... Moore 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 Ains..... 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 Little One's Wishes" and the "Spring Crown of Flowers" were two beautiful numbers—prettily performed by the young tots.

PROUD OF HIS LITTLE LAMBS. His Lordship, at the conclusion of the programme, cordially thanked the pupils

for their expressions of love and homage and their kind wishes for his future happiness. He referred to his seven years 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 become 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 excellence 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 diocese.

Mr. D. W. Dumble made an eloquent address, in which he congratulated his lordship on his eighth anniversary, and the staff of the convent and the pupils for the musical treat provided. He referred to the beautiful floral tributes—in them could be seen the hand of 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 Burnham 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 convent, and was of the belief that such training would exert a powerful influence for good in a boy.

Messrs. L. M. Hayes and R. Fair also extended their congratulations to his lordship, and expressed themselves as delighted with the evening's programme.

After 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.

PARENTS MUST HAVE REST.

A President of one of our Colleges says: "We spent many sleepless nights in consequence of our children suffering from colds, but this never occurs now: We use Scott's Emulsion and it quickly relieves pulmonary troubles."

The American Senate, last week, by a vote of 43 to 26 refused to ratify the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain negotiated by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote. The rules of the Senate require a majority of two thirds for the ratification of treaties. Hence four more affirmative votes would have been required to secure a favorable result.

A total of 69 votes was cast, leaving 19 Senators who did not respond.

It is rumored that Mr. Telesphore Quimet, Warden of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, was suspended from his functions by the Federal Government on Saturday, as a result of the investigation which is proceeding into the administration of that institution. He has been temporarily replaced by Deputy-Warden McCarthy.

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