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A. McCORMICK, President. London, Jan. 12, 1889.

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London, Sat., Jan. 26th, 1889.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Liberal (Unionist) Club at Birming ham is reported to be defunct. The Gladstone Club is in a flourishing condition, so there is hope that Birmingham may fall into line with the growing Liberal and Home Rule party.

JOSEPH PARKER proposes to establish religious services where smoking will be allowed. The next eccentricity will be, we suppose, to serve out to the congregation a joram of whiskey and water between the hymns and prayers. This would serve to attract the bummers, and it would undoubtedly help to make the gatherings quite enthusiastic.

JUDGE KELLY confirmed in the Dublin county court all the sentences imposed on tenants of Col. Vandaleur for resiston tenants of Col. Vandateur for resisting eviction. He denounced the Government for its moderation towards the tenants, and said the prisoners were guilty of rebellion and deserved five years' imprisonment. For this denunciation there will be a warm corner in Balfour's heart for this modern ghost of the infamous Norbury.

The Daily News' correspondent at St. Petersburg says: "It is reported that Sir R D. Morier will shortly receive a high English distinction and before long will leave St. Petersburg.—Despatch by Cable. We thought so much. Sir R. D. Morier

will certainly receive a very high distinc tion. We can scarcely conceive, though, how he can attain a much greater altitude, for has not the Iron Chancellor already sent him higher than a kyte.

THE able editor of the New York Sun. Chas. A. Dana, was accorded a most cordial reception by the Pope and the Vatican authorities on the occasion of his visit to the Holy City. Mr. Dana has ever been a great friend to the people of Ireland and the Irish National cause, and the American and Irish clergy at Rome are much gratified at the reception given him.

THE Boston Pilot comes to us this week in a beautiful new dress. There is not in America another paper that has done so much for faith and fatherland as the good old Pilot during its half century of existence. Instead of becoming decrepid with age it is now brighter and mightier than ever. The editor, as is already well known, is John Boyle O'Reilly—poet, patriot and English political convict— the latter now a days justly considered a title of honor. title of honor.

THE lie which was some time ago circulated by the Protestant press, that Arch. bishop Ryan of Philadelphia had declared that when Catholics would be strong in the United States they would deprive Protestants of their liberty, has been matched by another lying statement which is now being circulated that Mgr. Capel gave utterance to the following: "The time is not far away when the Roman Catholics of the United States, at the order of the Pope, will refuse to pay the school tax, and will send bullets through the breasts of Government agents rather than pay it." Dr. Dorchester of Boston was obliged to apoligize to Archbishop

archists, free-lovers, Mormons, as well as the sects usually recognized as Protestants, to assist the league by helping "to crush the Pope's power, and to establish and maintain religious and civil liberty." Of maintain religious and civil liberty." Of course this means to deprive the Catholics of the liberty of educating their children in the tenets of the Catholic Church. It is always the way with these hypocrites to bawl vociferously about religious liberty when they wish to deprive others of that precious boon. Their avowed object is to follow in the footsteps of the bigots of Baston.

Ill fares the Church that depends not upon the Gospel but upon the ability of its preacher of the Gospel. Plymouth church, Brooklyn, which, with Beecher at its head, used to receive \$68,000 a year from pew rents, is now running astern financially. Its income last year was \$20,000, which was \$2,000 below expenses.

So says the Globe of last Monday. We might be permitted to add : ill fares the Church that depends not upon God, but on the emartness or popularity of its preachers, for its support. If his satanic majesty took flesh and stood in the pulpit of Plymouth church, he would raise the income to at least \$100,000, because it must be admitted that he is by far a cleverer and more artful dodger than the late Mr. Beecher could ever pretend to be. Those are the people who raise a cry of protest and indignation at the pastoral dues and one twenty-fifths paid to priests of the Catholic Church in Canada. The running annual expenses of the Plymouth church, Brooklyn, are \$22,000.

ball at the inauguration, "as he may from a sense of duty, it will be, no doubt, with a protest, for he is an earnest Christian." So it seems that we may do a moral wrong from a sense of duty! Yet, probably, we shall next hear of Bishop Merrill denouncing the Jesuits for the teaching that "the end justifies the means." The Jesuits leave this doctrine means." The Jesuits leave this doctrine to be taught and practiced by such teachers as Bishop Merrill. In fact the Methodist Episcopal Church of Rochester district has by resolution declared dancing to be immoral and a violation of the spirit of the New Testament, yet Bishop Merrill thinks it may be practised from a sense of duty, under protect by a carrest Christian. test, by an earnest Christian.

THE following very fishy looking story

is communicated by the Vienna corres pondent of the Times. The Times and its correspondents are pever over scrupulous to tell the truth, but when they endeavor to make it appear that only British officials are models of sagacity, and that all foreign ones are sunken in gross stupidity, they certainly draw the long bow a little too much to be implicitly relied on. However, here is the story, be it worth what it may: "American couples about to travel in Austria ought to take with them their marriage certificates. An American lady recently gave birth to a child here and the father, accompanied by witnesses, went to recently gave birth to a child here and the father, accompanied by winesees, went to register the birth. Owing to the absence of a marriage certificate the clerk said he must record the birth as illegitimate, and the only concession made after much expostulation was the substitution of the word doubtful for the word illegitimate.
Further, on being told that the parents
belonged to the Anglican Church the
clerk wrote down no religion."

Two sergeants belonging to the Royal Irish Constabulary have been elected members of the National League at Mitchellstown. They say their action in joining the League is a protest against the employment of the military in evicting tenants.

This is an oft-told story. There are cores of such valiant ex-sergeants in Canada and the United States. It appears not only that constables, but even the military and English soldiers at that, have cheered Nationalist prisoners on their way to Tuliamore gaol. Of late it has been discovered that English troops are not to be depended on in cases of emer-gency in a conflict with Irish tenants. Those who have been quartered for some time in Ireland get to like the people and sympathize with them. There was a desperate fight lately between newly-arrived troops and soldiers who had been long enough in the country to know the people and to love them. It was found people and to love them. It was found necessary last summer to shift troops quickly from one place to another, lest they should mutiny, through sheer sympathy for the barried and distressed people with whom they had become acquainted.

THE following cable despatch has been sent among the items furnished by the Associated Press: "The Pope, in a recent audience, instructed the American prelates to strenuously combat the socialism spreading among Irish Catholics in America, and that if private measures fail, a papal rescript will be prepared for this purpose." As the socialists of America are not Irishmen nor Catholics, the falsehood of this telegram is apparent from its own in-trinsic character. It is one of the numerous falsehoods which are every few days sent by the cable as Roman name. But a correspondent of the news. But a correspondent of the N. Y. Catholic News is in this case able N. Y. Catholic News is in this case able to give a specific contradiction. An American prelate said to the News correspondent: "Do not go to the trouble of denying this. The socialists in America have neither Irish names nor Irish nature, and Americans of all denominations will laugh at the story. There is nothing socialistic in the composition of the Catholics of America. The Socialists are pearly all priddle and The Socialists are nearly all infidels, and not a Catholic can be found among them. The Moniteur of Rome also denies the truth of the despatch. On the contrary, His Holiness has eulogised the zeal of the American Catholics.

On another page will be seen a very patriotic and stirring letter from the pen of Mr. Geo. Eillot Casey, M. P. for West Elgin. It is not the first time Mr. Casey has been heard from on the subject of ald and sympathy to Ireland. Whenever the subject of Home Rule was alluded to in the Commons of Cauada, the member for West Elgin was on his feet immediately, and made the house ring with eloquent and scathing denunciations of English misrule in Ireland. Although born of misrule in Ireland. Although born of Irish parents in the county which he represents, Mr. Casey was reared in the belief of Methodist tenets, yet his heartfelt sympathies all go out to the hapless tenants who yet struggle for existence in the land of his forefathers. The tenor of Mr. Casey's letter to the Toronto Globe is an appeal to Canadians of every nationality to belp the cause of Ireland in subscribing though ever so little, to the Parnell Defence Fund, or rather, as he pertinently styles it, "The Defence of Ireland Fund." We shall gladly receive and forward any sums whatever that may be sent to our office towards helping on the valiant leaders of the Irish cause in their uneven, but so far successful and victorious, conbut so far successful and victorious, con-test against the vile machinations and slanders of the arch forger, the London

murderers. They are elated with their success, as they think this an offset to their inability to find the perpetrator of the Whitechapel atrocities. However, in one of these cases there was certainly very little skill required, as the murderer gave himself up voluntarily. He was a weak-minded artist, who, without any reason, murdered his sweetheart, Emily Joy. He says that a sudden impulse came over him. He calls himself E. S. Wheatcroft, R. S. A. The other murderer is a Scotch peddler named Mackenzie, who relied on his wife not accusing him, and took no pains to conceal himself. He brutally mutilated her, and heins interrunted by neighbors he began being interrupted by neighbors he began to beat and kick her, so as to make it appear that nothing unusual was going on. She died soon after and the mutilation was discovered. He had been read-ing of the Whitechapel murders, and the wife stated before death that he wished wife stated before death that he wished to imitate them. It would be the appropriate thing now for the Times to bring up these outrages before the Forgeries Commission, if it could only bribe some one to connect Messrs. C. Parnell and Wm. O'Brien with them. They would serve admirably to withdraw attention from the forged letters.

For some months past, red hot resolutions and remonstrances have been pouring into Ottawa from Orange lodges and the Evangelical Alliance, with the purpose of causing the Government to disallow the Jesuit Appropriation Bill of the Province of Queber. It has now been finally decided by the Ottawa authorities tnat tiey will not interfere in the matter, and the bill will therefore go into full force. It matters not that this decision is a legal as well as a just one-it matters not hat the whole question is one pertaining solely to the people of Quebec-it matter not that the Company of Jesus are in strict justice entitled to compensation because of the confication of their property—not withsanding all these facts, the unreasoning and the narrow-minded and the bgoted will fret and foam, and stamp and part their bair because the Jesuits and ear their bair because the Jesuits havegained a point. There will now be weeping and wailing in the tabernacles of the Wilds and the Hunters, and the chapains of the Orange lodges will tell their locks that civil and religious liber ties are in danger. The fiat has gone forth however. The Jesuits are to receive back a portion at least of what is preceive back a portion at least of what is justlytheirs. The decision of the Ottawa authorities will, we hope, prove a useful lessor to these meddling buisy-bodies. The answer to their petitions, put in plain language, simply means, "Gentle-men, mind your own business."

THE POPE TO IRELAND.

A LETTER THAT BAFFLES THE ENGLISH NEWS-FORGERS.

Rome, Dec. 29.

His Holiness Leo XIII has this week sent, through the Irish College at Rome, a letter addressed to the Bishops of Ireland, which is destined to create a marvellous effect throughout the whole country. In effect throughout the whole country. In characterizing it, in the cablegram sent you yesterday, as a "loving letter," I described it in the most fitting way. It is an expression of the Pontiff's most pater nal affection for that country, and its kindly words and affectionate tone will not be forgotten for years to come. For some months past it would seem from the of London, that the Pope had conceived a dislike for the Irish people and took every occasion of making his displeasure felt by them. As the news concerning Ireland sent from Rome to that jurnal was seerted to be inspired, if not directly communicated to its Roman correspond ent, by an Italian Prelate in high position at the Vatican, a large amount of credence was given to its statements. The fact, too, that this journal was the first to announce the Pontifical Decree concerning Ireland issued last April, acquired for it a species of authority in Vatican matters. And so whatever it may have said was received almost without a question. It appears however that recently its state. appears, however, that recently its state-ments became the expression of the Italian Prelate's notion rather than of facts; and as the Cardinal Secretary of State had been called upon to deny some of its had been called upon to deny some of its statements through the official Vatican organ, the Osservatore Romano its power for mischief has been weakened for the present. The Prelate, too, to whom so much of this misrepresentation is, whether rightly or wrongly attributed, is about to be removed from the position which he has occupied and which enabled him to furnish information of the kind he has been furnishing for so long a time. His new appointment removes him from Rome.

The attention of the Pontiff has been drawn to assertions published in some newspapers speaking outrageously of the Pope's feeling for Ireland. An example of this kind, referring to what is described as his refusal to bless objects of devotion as his refusal to bless objects of devotion intended for distribution in Ireland, was brought under his immediate notice by Mgr. Kirby, the venerable Rector of the Irish College; and on this occasion the Rector dwelt in powerful terms not only on this theme, but on the condition of Ireland in reference to the Holy See. The recent letter sent by the Irish Bishops to the Holy Father, though its contents are unknown, is believed to contain a clear account of the state of Ireland and of the conditions made to its people at the present moment. These things and the fact that the Pontiff on every suitable occasion insisted upon

intrinsic value may be, there is not the slightest doubt that this value will be greatly enhanced by the gracious letter which announces them. Other gifts destined to the laity will also be despatched to Ireland. The letter to the Bishops is as follows :-

VENERABLE BROTHER :- While in Our paternal love We embrace each and every portion of the Flock of Christ entrusted to Our keeping, Our care and attention are directed in a special manner towards those portions of it which We perceive laboring under any disadvantage. In this We only share that partiality which parents always show for those of their children who have been stricken by some misfortune, and which makes them bestow on these more care and affection than on the rest. Therefore. We have always cherished a singula love towards the Catholics of Ireland on account of the many, various and long-enduring trials they have had to suffer, and still more on account of the wonder ful constancy with which they bore them, no amount of trials having been able to shake or lessen among them the Faith of

their fathers.
As for the counsels which We have as for the counsels which we have more than once addressed to them, and the decree We have recently sent you, these have been prompted by a motive of truth and justice on the one hand, and on the other, because We saw that even your interests would be actually benefited the state of the sta thereby: the sincerity of Our love for you being unable to brook that the cause for which Ireland strives should be tarfor which Ireland strives should be tarnished by the least admixture of anything
reprehensible. And now, as a further
testimony of this Our good will towards
Ireland, We send her presents consisting
partly of vestments, chalices and objects
employed in sacred uses; these We desire
to be presented to the cathedral churches
of Ireland, for the greater splendor and
decorum of the House of God and of
divine worship; the remaining part is divine worship; the remaining part is made up of lesser gifts which We have blessed, and are as means for the encour blessed, and are as means for the encour agement of plety amengst individuals, and We desire that they be bestowed on private persons in the manner We shall hereafter more fully explain to you. We do not doubt but that even from this it may appear more and more evident that Our paternal love towards the Irish people always remain the same. Of this love they will be ever more worthy if they continue to have a docile and confiding spirit towards Us, and watchfully beware of the fallacies of those who do not hesitate to interpret Our counsels in a deteriorated sense in

is one of Irishmen's greatest glories, and which they received as a precious and noble inheritance from their fathers and incestors.

Invoking the fullest measure of divine grace, We bestow on you, Venerable Brother, in a most affectionate manner,

Our counsels in a deteriorated sense in order to eradicate if possible that dutiful obedience to the Catholic Church which

and on the clergy and people over whom you preside, as well as on all Ireland, the Apostolic Benediction. Given at Rome at St. Peter's, 21st day

of December, 1888, the 11th year of our Pontificate. LEO XIII., Pope.

ARCHBISHOP WALSH.

The great and good Archbishop of Dublin recently issued a pastoral letter to his people having reference to the Papal not be forgotten for years to come. For some months past it would seem, from the reports published in some English journals, and especially in the Daily Chronicle of Lendon, that the Pope had conceived a sign to his faithful flock. The great whose care He has committed us during divine is foremost in the front rank of Irish patriots, and no man now living has taken upon his shoulders a greater share of the burdens imposed by the duty of the hour in the fatherland. But while the Irish bishops, priests and people are actively engaged in their country's cause, God and the divine law are not forgotten, The following extract from the pastoral will, we are sure, be perused with pleasure and profit by our readers :

In this public expression of thankful ness to our Almighty Benefactor, the pastors and the faithful of the Irish Church will not fail to take part. We cannot, indeed, be unmindful that the year that is indeed, be unmindful that the year that is now so near its end has been in many ways a time of trial and of trouble to our people. For hundreds and thousands of them the prospect that will lie before them at its close cannot but be a dark one. them at its close cannot but be a dark one. Our prayers then must continue to ascend without ceasing to the throne of God, that He in His gracious mercy may be pleased to bring relief to His suffering poor. But in the earnestness of our supplications to God for the future we must not lose sight of our obligations to Him in the past. The ingratitude of men, their neglect of the duty of thanking God for the favors they have received from His bounty, is oftentimes a chief source of the weakness and unfruitfulness of their prayers for those other bleesings of which they stand in need.

THE DUTIES OF PRAYER AND OF THANKS—

of the Catholic Church in Canada. The test sgainst the vile machinations and running annual expenses of the Plymouth church, Brooklyn, are \$22,000.

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ous tone of the present letter of His Holiness to the Bishops.

The gifts that will shortly be sent to the cathedral churches of Ireland are chosen by himself from the rich collection of the Vatican exhibition. However great their dependence on Him, or to seek the aid of His protecting hand.

We shall fervently, then, take part in this solemn public act of thanksgiving that will be effered up on Monday next in all oburches of the Christian world. We shall strive to use to the best advantage the opportunity it will afford us to dischage our present duty to the Giver of all good gifts, and to make atonement to Him for the many shortcomings with which we may have to reproach ourselves in the neglect of this duty in former years. United in spirit with our brethren throughout the Universal Church, we shall, then, in all humility and reverence, give thanks to God. We shall thank Him, some of us, for many and most special graces with which He has blessed us at times during the year. We shall thank Him, all of us, for the countless favors that we have received from Him throughout its course, in the common dispensation of that merciful Providence with which, heedless of our ingratitude for so much unwearled care, He has without ceasing continued to watch over us, bestowing His favor upon us, and

enriching us with His gifts.
In your exhortation to the faithful, in invitating them to take part in this great act of thanksgiving, it may be well to bring before them some thought of the extent of our obligation towards God in this respect; pointing out to them at least some of the chief among the countless multitude of favors for which it is our duty to give thanks to Him. Most especially to be remembered are those gifts of His that have come to us with but little effort, or without any effort, of ours. For of these there is but too much reason to fear that we may be altogether unmindful of them, or that at least we may be unmindful of our dependence for them on the infinite wisdom, mercy, and power of God. of God.

Not the least among these favors are those graces in the spiritual order that are common to all the children of the Church; the graces that are shared amongst us as the graces that are shared amongst us as often as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered up on any altar throughout the world; those that we specially receive when we are present at Mass, or when we receive any Sacraments of the Church; our common share in the good works, and especially in the prayers, of all our brethren throughout the world; and the special fruits of grace that come to us from the prayers of those who may be inspired by God with the charitable thought of by God with the charitable thought of praying specially for us. Also, it may be well to bring to mind those gifts of nature that God bestows in unstituted measure upon all His creatures; gifts, many of them, common to the whole race of man, others, and some amongst the most precious of them, shared in even by those in whose hearts the sense of the almost infinite debt of thankfulness that they owe to God for His bounty in the bestowal of them, may for a time be obscured in the darkness of some present and overpowering sorrow. ing sorrow.
Such are the gifts of life, and of health

and strength, whether of body or of mind; of wealth, or of mere sufficiency, as it may be, with which it may have pleased God to endow us, in the goods of fortune; education; knowledge; our power of en-joyment in whatever good we possess; and the sympathy of friends, that "light shining in a dark place," which goes so far to dispel the gloom of whatever sorrows may come upon us. And especially let us keep in view that obligation, the extent of which we may never know, of thankful-ness to the protecting arm of God, for having borne us without hurt through so many dangers, sometimes perhaps of bodily death, sometimes perhaps of some fatal fall from His grace, dangers the very existence of which may have been altogether unknown to us, and is known, the days of our pilgrimage on earth.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HILL

On last Sunday the good people of the southern part of London were honored by a visit from His Lordship Bishop Walsh, accompanied by Rev. James Walsh of the Cathedral. The pastor, waish, accompanied by Rev. James Walsh of the Cathedral. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Kennedy, celebrated mass, and His Lordship preached an impressive sermon on "The Holy Name of Jesus." It is ever a joyful day when the people attending St. Mary's church behold in their midst our venerable and beloved Bishop, and on this as on every other occasion his words of fatherly advice, full of tenderness, sank deen into other occasion his words of fatherly advice, full of tenderness, sank deep into the hearts of the large congregation present. We congratulate Father Kennedy on his great success as pastor of St. Mary's. The church is a model of neatness and order, and in every regard the Catholic people of that section of the city possess a pastor whose duties are performed in a most admirable manner.

A WORTHY PRIEST HONORED.

After mass, at Essex Centre, on Sunday, January 13th, a Persian lamb coat was presented the popular and worthy pastor, Rev. John O'Connor. An address

pastor, Rev. John O'Connor. An address was read by H. W. Deare, to which the rev. gentleman made a suitable response. The address was signed by H. M. O'Connor, I. O. Peck, and H. W. Deare on behalf of the congregation.

The good people of Maidstone, also, did not forget Father O'Connor at Christmas. Besides a handsome donation given on Christmas day, the ladies of school section No. 6, Sandwich East, presented him with a valuable umbrella, a scarf, and a pair of driving gloves.

Mai