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CATHOLICS AND THE WHITNEY GOVERNMENT.

The Register is obliged to speak out once more against the treatment of Catholic employees of the province by the Whitney Government.

It is curious that at a time when the rank and file Orangemen of Ireland are beginning to break away from the tyranny of lodges manipulated by politicians, that the spoils system in Ontario is operating in the other direction and making the politician the serf of the rank and file Orangemen.

There are a few Catholics on the Conservative side of the Legislative Assembly, but they are afraid to call fair play their own.

Dr. Pyne in connection with one of his most recent dismissals, has acted in a particularly pusillanimous and hypocritical way.

A NEW ERA IN IRELAND.

Laudatory comment has already appeared in many of our newspapers upon the speech of Mr. John E. Redmond, delivered in Manchester on St. Patrick's Day.

inasmuch as coercion has been suspended, and a promise given by the Prime Minister that the perpetual coercion act of the Unionist Government will be repealed at the earliest possible moment.

"I see no earthly reason," said Mr. Redmond, "why, within the next six or nine months, practically all the evicted tenants in Ireland ought not to be back in their homes."

This brought Mr. Redmond to the main point of his address, and he delivered quite frankly his opinion of the immediate prospect.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, they have announced in the King's Speech that they are engaged at this moment in considering plans for associating the people of Ireland with the government of their own country.

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Nothing could be more confident than the foregoing declaration of friendship as between England and Ireland.

"I preach," he said, "not the gospel of hatred, but the gospel of love, I preach not the gospel of disunion, but the gospel of true union."

CATHOLICS AND PRISON STATISTICS.

The annual report of the Minister of Justice upon the penitentiaries of Canada has so often been made the occasion of hostile and prejudiced attack upon the social position of Catholics in this Dominion.

Under the administration of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick the penitentiary statistics have been so justly presented to the public as to tell their own story and to confound the bigots who constantly endeavor to show that the Catholic population of Canada is over-represented in the prisons of the land.

believe that each, according to its own light and opportunity, does its best to lead its adherents into law-abiding courses.

To Canadians of all classes and creeds it must be a subject of congratulation that despite the increasing tide of immigration the average prison population of Canada has shown little more than a perceptible gain with the last ten years.

It may be cited as an evidence of the toleration and broad-gauge sympathy of the Minister of Justice, that as in former years he bestows special credit upon an officer of the Salvation Army in charge of prison work.

We have read with particular interest and satisfaction the reports of the different Catholic chaplains. These show an almost unvaried and punctual attendance of the convicts at Divine service on Sundays and holy days frequent recourse to the sacraments and in cases of death devout preparation therefor.

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It grieves us to say it, but really it is a fact that the "College Professor" is fast becoming an unmitigated nuisance in our midst.

one to gently call down Prof. Leacock? This young gentleman has been prattling to the Canadian Club of an "imperial crisis."

Lord's Day Bill Explained

In moving the second reading of the bill respecting the Lord's Day Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick said: "I deem it necessary to offer some few brief words in explanation of the bill's provisions."

DAY OF REST FOR ALL.

"This bill is really intended to provide a day of rest for all, so that each man may be free to abstain from labor, and, if he so desires, to give one day in the week to the service of his Creator."

NO RESTRAINT ON LEGITIMATE RECREATION.

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THE EDITOR OF "PUNCH"

Sir Francis Burnand, for twenty-three years editor of the great English humorous weekly, "Punch," has resigned.

After leaving the university Burnand became a barrister. Then, for a time, he thought he wanted to be a clergyman, and worked under Canon Liddon.

"A vocation," he said, severely, "concerns the spiritual welfare. You cannot speak of going on the stage as a 'vocation.'"

Burnand has been employed by Punch ever since. His activity has been amazing, and when the sparkling, bubbling character of his humor is taken into consideration it becomes more amazing still.

There is a legend in the Punch office that Burnand had a big Chinese jar which he always kept full of slips of paper on which he had written puns.

"Dear Sir: Your joke is returned. It is an ancient Millerite."

"For goodness sake, send no more puns. They have all been made!"

"The only dish at that dinner," said Burnand, "was canard."

"I have no brother. I have two half brothers (this man is neither of them), but two half brothers don't make a whole brother."

In treating of serious subjects Burnand wields a graceful and fluent pen. The new editor of Punch is Owen Seaman, who is just a quarter of a century younger than the retiring editor.

IN MEMORIAM

Our aged father sleeps Upon a Father's breast, Dear Lord, in love we leave him there, Thy holy way is best.

Thy Sacred Heart was pained By very human woe; My God, oh why, Thy dying cry, "Wilt Thou forsake me so?"

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Book Review

"The Holy Season of Lent" is a little book by Rev. Ferreol Girardey, C.S.S.R., containing in small space, much matter of interest to those desirous of keeping Lent in a truly Lenten spirit.

Published by the same publishers, Benziger Brothers, New York, Cincinnati, Chicago. Price 25 cents.

THAT YOUTH MAY LINGER.

It is with some dismay that we read of the latest tactics of Nihilism. If a subsequent ban is placed on the pompadour as a possible hiding place of the deadly bomb, there will be wide-spread ill-will against that Russian lady who thus desecrated it.

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