

MR. BLAKE IN LONDON.

(The Freeman Journal.)

Mr. Blake's speech at Longford yesterday was a thoughtful utterance that will repay the careful and considered attention of every Irish patriot who believes in the constitutional movement...

REVIEWS

The first number of The Catholic Post, a monthly journal devoted to the interests of Catholic Ireland in the United States, has been published...

THE DISCOVERY OF ST. ANNE'S BODY

The historian Robert Mauro writing the lives of St. Magdalene and St. Martha speaks of the departure of these holy women in a boat for Provence, accompanied by St. Anne...

OF NEURAL NERVS

In the Chamber of Deputies the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sr. Arceaga Barro, repeated his recent statement with reference to the Anglo-Portuguese agreement...

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JOHN RUSKIN DEAD.

London, Jan. 20.—John Ruskin, the greatest art critic of his time, died of influenza, on the 20th inst., aged 81 years.

John Ruskin was born in London on Feb. 8, 1818, and was the son of John James Ruskin, wine-merchant. He was educated privately, and then graduated at Christ Church, Oxford, where he secured the Newdigate prize in 1840.

SIS MIHI CUNCTA, DEUS.

Like a vine neglected creeping O'er the ground, Whom no prop its right supporting Ever has found; Like a weed crawling On the earth, All its power within concealing From its birth; So the soul its love bestowing On earth's joys, Finds a path to bitter tarning, Or it cloye.

DONAHUE'S

In Donahue's, for January, P. O'Neill writes in an article entitled "Boer Paradox and his friend have succeeded in calling into existence a force that some day will prove a powerful factor in politics, though it is too late now to expect to wreck the Vintennesse budget."

FOR THE OLD AND THE YOUNG.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food Proves Itself the Greatest of All Restoratives—Two Interesting Cases. The last issue of "Boys and Girls" says: "We have to announce with very great regret that Father Donahue has, owing to his return to his native diocese in Scotland, severed his connection with the South-western Rescue Society and Workhouse Association."

THE OLD.

Old age can best be described as a lack of vitality. As a rule old people have thin, watery blood, and consequently the nerves become exhausted and vitality is at a low ebb.

THE YOUNG.

Some children are small, weak and puny from their birth. Others seem to never recover from the battle with the diseases of childhood, such as measles and scarlet fever. Their blood is thin and weak, and their systems demand a restorative such as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

Mr. Blake insists, as a condition precedent to the creation of such a body, that it should be representative. Who, he asks, is to choose its members? Who is to give it the mandate? How are the people to choose the members of such an assembly for its special purposes, and define its mandate, it could have no authority. "At this moment," Mr. Blake says, "the only person you have chosen to act for you in the National Convention is the National Party, and, however little worthy I may be of that high title, I should be still less worthy did I for a moment surrender at into the hands of a certain number of persons, largely self-appointed, and having no right of authority, to take National decisions. No; I will, indeed, read with interest, and examine with the respect due to their individual lucubrations of every meeting of Ireland on every Irish question. But I will, in these matters of National matters, act on my own judgment, subject to the rules of the National Party, to the decisions of authentic conventions, and to my responsibility to my constituents. And you, I trust, on your side, will not see occasion to make known by public meeting, or through delegates specially chosen for that purpose, your views on public affairs, to which, of course, I will always be ready to pay the unfeigned respect due by a member of the people to a representative, but no more, nor any local council, shall with my consent ever set up a body over you and me to decide, without authority from you, what shall be the National policy. Such a position is the only one an Irish member of Parliament who respects himself and respects his constituents can take up. Mr. Blake does, indeed, believe in the necessity for a National Convention; but it ought to be a Convention of men chosen by their respective localities, the men represent their opinions upon matters proper to be dealt with by such a Convention. Until the people have completed their organization, irrespective of factional difference, a Convention of this kind would be merely a sham. But when the time comes representatives of the County Councils, if they reflect the popular determination to restore unity and discipline to the Irish Parliamentary force, will no doubt find their place, and a prominent place, in the National Assembly. Meantime, Mr. Blake has lost all faith in private conferences. Since 1870 they have been tried again and again, and failed in their object. Even when they apparently ended in some satisfactory way, their terms were repudiated and contravened when the results did not harmonize with some particular politician's wish and calculations. For that reason he has refrained from entering the negotiations, but which is being erected. He has no doubt of the meaning of the new Convention, which has been in process of secret formation since August last. Mr. Redmond says "the war is the reason for his sudden change of attitude that date. It is very amusing to hear of a coalition between Mr. Roche and Mr. Maguire's leader and the denouncer of Mr. Kruger over outside of calcium, to improve the condition of the war. "The denouncer of Mr. Roche and Mr. Maguire do not misunderstand Mr. Redmond. Neither does Mr. Blake. The change in Mr. Redmond's views has been effected, not by the war, but by the United Irish League. Both he and Mr. Healy have denounced it as a "London Plot." It is detected by the fact that it is as heartily as by the Connaught rafter.

THEY ARE NOT VIOLENT IN ACTION.

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HE COULDN'T SPELL.

The New York Sun told a good story of a young couple. They had been married but three months, when, one evening, the young wife thought she detected the odor of liquor on her husband's breath. She taxed him. He denied. She was distrustful and sought recourse in the only way which she thought of. She prepared a solution of the truth which she tested. The wife said she had often heard that a man even slightly intoxicated could not pronounce words of any length. She procured an unabbreviated dictionary and made a list of words of moderate length, the presuming husband. The occasion in which she was not present by the wife, who immediately asked her to read the prepared list to the young wife in a state of agitation and collapse. "Yes, yes," she sobbed hysterically, "it was just as I thought. I gave her the list, and she read it aloud. The first word she read was 'hypochondriac,' 'phthisic,' 'photocentric,' 'hypochondriac,' 'amblyopic,' 'parachromic,' 'hystero-epileptic,' 'pleuro-saur,' 'poco-saur,' 'dissaturic,' 'anti-nomianism,' 'pseudostethic.' And she went on until the friend was reading it. He mumbled nearly half."

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