deed he was, for he loved the beauty of the world, the friendship of birds and beasts,

the gentleness and chivalry towards women and all that was weak."

The lecturer told that intensely in-

ever do, for no good thing ever comes out of Nazareth, and Nazareth is the

place where we were born. Yet Francis did have his effect, for he was filled

with a sublime sincerity, and he lived close to the mother heart of nature, and

and a little group of men gathered

about him. He had that great power of inspiring his followers with his own

spirit, yet left the flower of their own personality unspoiled. Francis taught

these men the old monastic rules, es

pecially the duty of poverty, not of pau-perism, but that men might not become the victims of things. Thus there was

left room for the service of Christ, and they went about ministering to the suc-cess of others.

Francis did not try to bring any new

gospel, but rather the new-old gospel of human brotherhood and service.

Then came the story of the love of

Santa Clara, that resulted in the founda-

Then in his preaching there came those who wished to follow his teaching,

it was impossible for them to follow one

of the two orders and so the third order

tion of the Sisterhood of Santa Clara.

consecration is to be to that which is present d force of the words of d secondly, that which at theologians call conen the priest has prohe bread the words of ere is by force of these eir formal statement the ord. By concomitance t those things which are Our Lord's as constiment at which the conplace. His Soul is Body: the Soul is there-The same is to be said d. Again, the Word of bly united to the Body : Vord of God is present ecration of the bread nce. The Word is after the consecravine. Now by a reare concomitance, by the ere one Person of the y there are the other

eason which theologians ession, then the Father Ghost are present with Flesh upon the altar. Word," to quote Father sent in the Blessed Saccomitance, that is, not son of His immensity as He is in all things, but of the Hypostatic Union. more, the Father and the also present under the ason of connexion and ne Word of God." y of last week the e Dominion of Canada. Wilfrid Laurier, attained year. From all portions came to him messages of

and these were not conhis own political housertfelt good wishes of all freely extended. Why regard for Sir Wilfrid? y he is the most unique Canadian public life. history there have om generation to genof remarkable integrity. of character, but there ot lived during all these an who will occupy a n the annals of Canada d Laurier. On the occato there came to him a ciation seldom extended a lis Majesty King Edward ing gracious message, to Sir Wilfrid's reply:

Windsor, November 20, 1909. my hearty congratulations to you of your birthday. I hope you will years to come to serve the Crown

(Signed) EDWARD R. and I." ier replied as follows:--Ottawa, November 20, 1909. Windsor,

WILFRID LAURIER."

as of the infidel governce are excellent adverpublicity department in charge of those press ing un-Christian names e a remarkable talent for In reply to the Pope's t having reference to the ince, the Christ-haters of declare they will adhere se to have only "public er this title they unquesto establish a system of he youth of France into s instruction of any charbe allowed to intrude. of the name of Christ in om will not be tolerated. Public school. They wish en foot under this designa-Christian sentiment of nonher countries may not be eir gross infidelity is for political purposes. ave us believe they are n "Christianity," but on

But their schemes will

Christianity emerged

from the revolution. It

triumphantly again, but

er France has once more

ible humiliation.

N in the County of Essex ters at the hands of an an in said county who and bar-room. The first appraised the whiskers at ollars and brought action nt, but the judge revised out it down to fifty dollars. ou want to retain your lorious comfort in the weather, and if you wish ard-earned money in your ur reputation in presentay away from the barave a question to ask. ver hear of a man who n a drinking place, cards bottle being the attractnot sorry next morning ashing himself for being But, sad to say, the next

as a picture true to life:

refuge of the panic-stricken classes, holding titles or lands, or breweries or financial and industrial concerns. It is a curious amalgamation of interests bound together by no tie but fear of soat reform. In the historic sense there is but a feeble trickling in its veins of any liquid that can be called "blue blood." Many of the titles are "faked" a low amour, a political job, or sheer bribery. But together they have power and they herd together like wild and domestic animals in a prairie fire—the thin remnant of the old feudal barons interesting survivals after all the slaughter in the days of the "Roses," civil wars, Whig oligarchies, aldermanic ancestries and American inheritances— money-changers who have never yet been driven out of our temples—and adventurers who know "a real good thing" on the political turf. All of these together are shouting to the be-wildered chiefs of the old governing class to risk a revolutionary throw and chance what may come to our rickety old constitution.

A WEEKLY Roman Letter, offered at a small price, comes to us from London, England. Whenever it appears we promptly put it in the waste basket. This "Roman" letter from London is abreast of the times. There is nothing dull about it. It possesses in abundance that characteristic which brings barrels of pennies to the New York Jour nal, the yellow paper owned by Wm. Randolph Hearst, the compiler of a journalistic rubbish into which truth may enter by accident. So-called Roman news, compiled in London, England, by Jewish press agencies, has a set purpose to revile the Church, the Pope, and the Cardinals. We would say to our readers that they should pay little heed to what is reported from the Eternal City unless conveyed through the Catholic press. It may, and we hope it will come to pass, that the purveyers of falsehoods regarding the Church and the Eternal City will be brought to punishment for libel. Odium cast upon the Church affects every Catholic Every Catholic, therefore, has an interest in punishing the culprits.

MR. T. P. O'CONNOR, the home rule M. P., has, we are pleased to notice, been received by Irish Ame icans with open arms, and money in plenty is pouring into the coffers of the Nationalist party. This is as it should be, for the prospect of attaining Home Rule for Ireland in the near future was never so bright as at present, and never have Irish affairs been placed in the keeping of more worthy men. Our readers need not be surprised if once in a great while a note of disunion is heard in the Irish ranks. This will be the case while the world endures, not only amongst the Irish, but amongst all other peoples. The race of cranks will never die out. Mr. Michael Conway, former member for North Leirim, but now of New York, denounces Mr. O'Connor and his associates in the English Parliament, and claims they are unworthy the support of the Irish in America. Mr. Conway should remember the schoolmaster has been abroad for a couple of generations, and the frish people now readily recognize a hireling of Dublin Castle.

IT MAY YET come to pass that a censorship will be exercised over plays presented in our amusement halls. One lauded to the skies by some of the press critics, and patronized largely by thousands who claim to be in the "proper' class, was of a decidedly immoral tendency. But how will the reformation be brought about? In places like the Province of Quebec it is feasible because the people pay heed to the orders of their spiritual guides. The manager of a French theatre in Montreal has consented to submit all his plays to Church censorship before they are put upon the boards. In Ontario this would not be done, because the Ministers of the sects do not possess a like influence over their flocks. They may advise, but their com-

THE POLITICAL POT in England is boiling furiously, and the electorate appears to be in a hurry to get to the polls. The vast majority, it is firmly believed, have in view the clipping of these men who gave a strength to the the wings of the members of the hereditary chamber, many of whom have claim to a set in that body based not upon fitness. At a recent debate in the of such a movement are always spiritual,

night and the night after finds him House of Lords, Lord Loseburn, one of and the central spirit of that age was St. again in fooldom. He should pray for the Liberal members, (few and far bethe grace of God, take the pledge and tween,) voiced the sentiment of the fight like a manly man for victory over people of the United Kingdom, when he fight like a manly man for victory over the demon. Success will bring him said: "It is my opinion that it is image were worked out." into touch with all that makes life possible that any Liberal Government worth living. Failure will put him in can ever again bear the heavy burden of office, unless it is secured against a repetition of treatment such as our perturbances have had to undergo for the measures have had to undergo for the measures have had to undergo for the growing, and later he would set these old troubadour lovesongs to words PERHAPS THE MOST caustic reference measures have have to underly the seen in regard to the last four years." This is taken as a fix the following trom hint that a number of other Peers will "God's troubadour he was called, and in the last four years." Mr. Frederic Harrison in the Positivist | be created, sufficient to outvote that Review. It will be generally recognized element of the present house, whose only interest in the Empire appears to The House of Lords has become the be to guard their ill-gotten and ill-used

teresting story of Francis' conversion how, standing, praying, before a picture of the Christ, in a little church he seemed to see the face of Christ turn LORD LANSDOWNE, who is the posses sor of a hundred and forty-three thoussor of a hundred and forty-three thousand acres of land in the little United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, cis took this charge to heart and faced the ultimate questions as we do not face them to-day. Driven by the nature of his own spirit he was forced to wrestle with them or give up his life. Faithful to his own spirit's guidance he went up into the great Church of Assisi and taught the people. And this was the hardest thing he could ever do for no good thing ever comes solemaly moved a resolution in the ood." Many of the titles are hard of restored.' like a picture dealer's House of Lords that the budget bill be ancient master." Many titles record rejected, and a vast majority of the noble personages solemnly voted "yea." This because the Budget put a tax on land values. It was the ox of the noble lord which was gored, and hence his perturbation. With red face and hoarse voice he shouted, "What was to prevent home rule from being introduced in a finance bill?" For a man who was he found his language there. Some hearts were touched by his message, at one time Governor General of Canada, where he could notice the blessings attendant upon self-government, to have such a horror of a like system in Ireland, shows conclusively how it comes to pass that self-interest rises miles above patriotism in the estimation of the average land monopolist in the old country.

> HIRAM SMITH, a lad sixteen years of age, has been sent for trial in Kingston on a charge of highway robbery. He held up a man in the usual wild west fashion, pointed a revolver at him and secured his money. The culprit pleaded guilty and declared that his mind had become unbalanced from reading dime novels. We are often called upon to record occurrences of this character, and yet our law-makers permit this literature to come to us by the ton from characterless publishers in the United States and England. We will doubtless be told that dealing with this matter is surrounded with many difficulties. Very true; but some effort at least ought to be made to keep certain dime novels outside our borders. We are grappling with the betting evil at races. Surely it is time we also paid attention to immoral publications.

A DESPATCH from Lima, Peru, says that the Bishop of Cuzco had been killed by a bomb thrown by an anarchist. His secretary, who accompanied him, was terribly injured. The assassin made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide. The police, we are informed, with great difficulty, rescued the murderer from the mob, who were determined to lynch him. We suppose he will be duly tried and dealt with according to law, but there will not be wanting people in other countries who will send him bouquets of sympathy and call his execution a murder, because it was only a Bishop whose life was taken. This was the case in respect to the Anarchist Ferrer, who was largely responsible for the murder of scores of priests and nuns in Barcelona.

LECTURE ON ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

"In St. Francis of Assisi, we find a man who I am tempted to call the most perfect Christian since Christ."

Intensely interesting was Mr. Grigg's story of the personality and work of the great mediaeval saint, who was the great mediaeval saint, who was the father of the spiritual renaissance of the thirteenth century, which in a greater or less degree was responsible for that great Italian renaissance which will for which lately went the rounds in Canada, all time form an epoch in the history of the world.

"The world, on the background of which the life of St. Francis of Assisi was worked out," said the speaker, "was indeed an enigma. This was the darkest time in the world's civilization and yet at this very time there had swept across the world a new hope that brought with it a new civilization. we find not only the complement of the ancient civilization but of our own civilization to-day.

" In the middle ages there was a con-

"In the middle ages there was a constant sense of a brooding eternity—a religious life deep every way. Then, too, there was a cosmopolitan spirit, very different from that spirit of today, which is due to the inter-communication of nations. Then cosmopolitanism was due to their feeling of which is the heatherhood of Chrismands would be unheeded. They are more than busy making suggestions, passing resolutions, and delivering exhortations, but a little walle and they are forgotten.

In mopolitanism was due to their feeling of unity in the brotherhood of Christianity. The thirteenth century was one of the most productive periods of the world. In it was found most of the thoughts of our own day in some form or another. It was the father of half of the great cathedrals and of form or another. It was the half of the great cathedrals and of many of the great painters. Yet the centre and symbol of it all was the religious life. Out of the world of common lite came the great religious teachers. It was a spiritual renaissance, and it was church. There is more of a connection between this age and the Italian renais-sance that followed it than people ever imagine, for the deeper and higher ideals

Deatness Cannot be Cured

Francis of Assisi.

\*St. Francis was born in 1181, and died in 1220 and during those few years "Assisi in the days of Francis was a busy little town able to hold its own with its kindred cities. Francis was

that the result was not for him to see. In later ages, his orders were disestablished, and it would seem that he had failed, but his life was not a failure. No words that ever touched a human heart can disappear, while man is, for while eternity is all good work will

PRESIDENT TAFT AND THE FRIARS.

President Taft does not tire of telling all sorts of audiences about the great and beneficent work accomplished by the friars in the Philippines—those same friars, by the way, who a few years ago were the target for the vilest abuse from apparently every journalistic free-lance in the world. Speaking Nov. 11, before a large audience representing the Protestant denominations of Washington, the President dwelt at some length on the work of the friars in the Philippines, and drove home this lesson—that the Christianizing and civilizing

CHRISTMAS CRIBS who yet were bound by the ties of the world. They had wives and family, and

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work of the Catholic missionaries, the friars, has made the way of Americanization easy. "The Philippine Islands themselves," he said, "are an example of what ancient foreign missions could do. They are the only people, the only people in the Ovient that easy Christian.

race, in the Orient that are Christians, and they were made so three hundred years ago by the earnest effort of Augustinian and Franciscan friars. They led them on, taught them the agricultural arts and induced them to lead a peace-Deafness, Caused by catarrhy that cannot be close by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for carculars, free.

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the results obtained from using "Fruitatives," I decided to try them and, I might say, the effects were almost magical. Headaches and biliousness disappeared and to-day I recommend "Fruitatives" to my customers as 'An ideal remedy."

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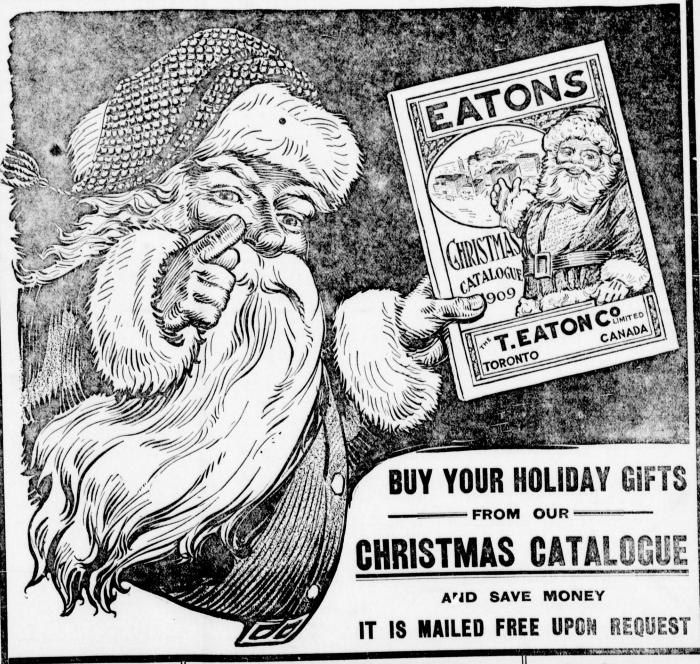
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