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IS THERE TRUTH IN THE RUMOR?

Dame Rumor has much time to be abroad. Though denial of all knowledge very often follows from quarters where there is reason to believe the rumor emanated, still there is the old axiom: "There is never smoke without fire." We have heard that a petition was circulated, the purport of which was to obtain names in favor of annexing a portion of St. Patrick's parish to St. Agnes. We cannot credit this, for St. Patrick's has already given a large portion to the upper section of the city, so why should she be still further dispossessed. Supposing that such a step has been taken we cannot foresee the parishioners quietly remaining with folded arms and behold their parish divided piecemeal. No, rather we believe that they will stand shoulder to shoulder to keep it intact, support their pastor as he should be, help all the good parochial causes, so that instead of losing its prestige it will go on flourishing to the end.

MORE TROUBLE IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa is the storm centre of Catholic educational troubles these days. In addition to the university outbreak, the difficulties between French and English-speaking supporters of the Separate Schools is being fiercely ventilated. It was from Ottawa the first challenge to religious teachers in the Catholic schools of Ontario came. The distinguishing feature of each Ottawa protest is an apparent steadfast regard for the local issues without any thought of the wider interests of the Catholic schools throughout the Dominion. The interests of Irish Catholics in Canada are distinctive. There is a determination everywhere to keep them so. They are and have been the interests of the minority of a minority. But that minority of Irish Catholics can hold, as they have held, a dignified position, displaying always a loyal regard for the general Catholic welfare. Therefore the Irish people of Canada will never consent to be placed in the position of a faction animated by a race grievance against any other section of the population. For the French-Canadian people they entertain feelings of the heartiest friendship, and no local outburst in any city or district can change this state of things. Local grievances can never be sifted closely without the discovery of personal feelings and frictions. The trouble in Ottawa is not and cannot assume the complexion of a race brawl if Catholics in the Capital city remember their public obligations towards the community in which they live.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON HOME RULE.

Cardinal Gibbons has been interviewed in Baltimore by a representative of the new organ of the Campbell-Bannerman Government, The Tribune. The Cardinal is a great lover of Ireland and a practical ad-

mirer of the Irishman in America. Pointing to the success of Irishmen in the United States Cardinal Gibbons says that with similar conditions at home the same type of successful men would be produced.

Why then should not Irishmen do as well in Ireland as in America? A strange answer to this question is given by a commission appointed by the late Balfour Government to enquire into the increase of lunacy in Ireland. The commission has found that Irishmen are quite unaccountably pre-disposed to lunacy; and probably one feature of this pre-disposition is the prevailing notion among Irishmen that they are as well able to govern themselves at home as abroad. A Balfourian Commission would never find that the increase of lunacy in Ireland is emphatically attributable to the long effects of bad government. The Commissioners would be lunatics if they found otherwise than what they were appointed for.

ABUSE OF TRUST.

The Insurance Commission has uncovered in Toronto during the past few weeks many instances of the most reckless covetousness on the part of the custodians of trust funds. Enough has been admitted or proved to show that business morality is in a worse way here than in the United States. The sorriest feature of the exposure is the connection of public men with speculations that could only be carried through upon political influence. One effect of the evidence now before the public will be to bring down from his prestige the public man who lends his name to every kind of prospectus. For years it has been the universal practice among Canadian promoters to secure the names of politicians upon their glowingly-worded baits to catch investors. Some chickens are coming home to roost, and before the birds are allowed to escape again the public is entitled to the assurance of a stricter code of morality for politicians in the future.

EMIGRATION FROM IRELAND.

The report of the Irish Registrar-General for 1905 indicates the drain of emigration in every line. The actual decline in the population during the year was about 3000 souls, as against 15,000 in 1903 and 12,000 in 1904. The diminution in leakage was effected by recent checks to emigration, the figures for the three years under review being: 1903, 39,787; 1904, 36,902; 1905, 30,676.

The birth rate is lowest in the provinces where the tide of emigration is highest, showing that it is the young manhood and womanhood of the country that is being swept away. Yet not 10 per cent. of those left are illiterate. It used to be said that emigration would have the effect of inducing Protestants to settle in Ireland where Catholics had gone out, thus bringing the population gradually to a different religious basis. The returns, however, indicate no such result. Ireland remains a Catholic country.

LUGGING IN BRITISH HOME POLITICS.

Sir Howard Vincent is on one of his regular trips through Canada campaigning for Joseph Chamberlain, "the first gentleman of Birmingham." Sir Howard makes the most of his association with a small nest of Tory politicians in Toronto who imagine that their Toryism is the only standard brand of imperial loyalty. One of the incidents of the last demonstration in Toronto was the expression of a bitter insult to another English M.P., Mr. Hamor Greenwood, and a great deal of partisan abuse of Mr. Winston Churchill. These issues should be left "at home" when Col. Howard Vincent comes to pow-wow with Col. Denison. The talk of these warriors is usually hot, and although no one objects to their blowing off steam, the responsible politicians of Canada should give them a wide berth.

C. R. DEVLIN.

Rumor is busy with the name of Mr. Charles Devlin, M.P. for Galway. It is said he may re-enter public life in Canada with a view to taking the front place as an Irish Catholic representative. Whatever may happen, Mr. Devlin is all right. Canadian Catholics need men of some record to represent them at Ottawa, and Charles Devlin's record is creditable from the first. He did good service for Ireland when he lived in Canada, and he has done good service for Canada as an Irish member of Parliament. We wish him well, assured that he holds the confidence of Irish Catholics throughout the Dominion.

LIBERALITY OF BRANDON CITY COUNCIL.

Appreciating the good done by the Sisters of Notre Dame of the missions at Brandon, the City Council has voted a by-law by which it exempts the Sisters' school from taxes for twenty years.

Honor to the broadmindedness and the generosity of the members of the City Council.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Catholic papers published in Rome hold that a regular manufacture of false reports has been set up in Paris. The Osservatore Romano devotes a special article to the subject. As instances of what the Bloc press has been doing it mentions the absurd and now utterly discredited report as to a difference between the Pope and the French Bishops, the statement that Cardinal Merry del Val had made an incorrect report to His Holiness, the assertion that he was about to be dismissed, and the telegram declaring that there was a conflict between Spain and the Holy See. The Osservatore emphatically denies that there is any such conflict. There is a slight difference on the question of civil marriage caused by the action of Count Romanones, but the feeling on both sides being excellent, the difficulty can be easily removed. The Corriere d'Italia also contradicts a report which was circulated with regard to the anonymous petition from French Catholics to the Pope. The Messagero intimated that amongst the petitioners were a number of prominent leaders of the Catholic party, including the Comte de Mun. The Paris correspondent of the Corriere d'Italia says that the Comte de Mun did not sign and that the attempt to get up the petition was an abortive effort of the enemies of the Church to create a schism. At present the reader may well question most of the reports that come from Paris.

The Matin says that the Jesuits are buying or leasing houses with the intention of transforming them into chapels. It is asserted that they intend to organize privately in all places where there is an income for religious purposes after the removal of the secular religious leaders. The Matin takes the ground that the Pope is subservient to the influence of the Jesuits and provoked the rupture with France and forbade the clergy to form associations in the interest of the Jesuits. The Matin adds: "Rome has joined hands with Berlin, with the object of driving our priests from their parishes and establishing the supremacy of German Jesuitry. Consequently the question is not merely religious, but patriotic." Strange it is that the Jesuit peg is always the most convenient one upon which to hang every old exploded theory.

Roman news of the week contains the list of assistants to the General of the Society of Jesus. They are Fathers: Freddi (Italy), Fine (France), Ledochowski, nephew of the Cardinal, (Germany), Abed (Spain), and James Hayes, of Liverpool, representing all Anglo-Saxon countries. The new General, Father Xavier Wernz, is well known in Rome and in ecclesiastical circles throughout the world as a canonist

of extraordinary ability and rector of the Gregorian University in Rome. He studied canon law in England, where the German Fathers have a university founded when they were expelled from the Fatherland.

Sir Antony MacDonnell, in a speech recently delivered at a banquet in the City of Dublin, said of the prospects of Home Rule: "My firm belief is that the coming year of 1907 will see the fruition of many of the hopes which the best Irishmen have for many years entertained. It may not be the full fruition of all that many Irishmen have hoped for, but it will mean, I believe, the fruition of so much that Irishmen, if they are true to themselves, will make the fountain and the source from which the whole of their hopes may be fulfilled."

A brilliant two days' sham fight between English and Irish forces has just been concluded, in which the Irish force swept through the channel, captured Portsmouth and annihilated the entire British force. The invading army was commanded by General Arthur Paget, and the defence by General John French, who sustained the reverse in the Boer war.

By the new French law journalists, doctors, lawyers, actors, artists and members of the liberal professions may work Sunday, but printers, machinists and errand boys may not.

A Struggling Infant Mission

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, FAKENHAM, NORFOLK, ENGLAND.

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Ah, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened. I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of Northampton, will, in due course, become a great Mission.

But outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming?

I have noticed how willingly the CLIENTS of ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this—so far as the Catholic Faith is concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO A LITTLE. Do that little which is in your power, for God's sake, and with the other "littles" that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly.

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"ARTHUR,

"Bishop of Northampton."

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This new Mission will be dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua.

OBITUARY.

The Rev. W. J. McNab, supreme chancellor of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, died on Sunday last at the age of 62 years.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

Solemn Anniversary Service will take place in St. Ann's Church on Thursday, October 4th, at 8 a.m., for the happy repose of the soul of Mr. John Kane, who died on October 4th, 1905. Friends and relations are invited to attend. May his soul rest in peace.



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It is to me a consolation and a joy—I say it again and again, and more strongly as I grow older—to know that, in the last three hundred years, multitudes of our own countrymen who have been born out of the unity of the Faith, nevertheless believe in good faith in all their hearts that God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, and that what they have been taught from childhood is His revelation, and that He has founded upon earth a Church, which, in their baptismal creed, they call the Holy Catholic Church, is the Church in which they themselves have been baptized, reared and instructed. It is my consolation to

believe that multitudes of such persons are in good faith, and that God in His mercy will make allowance for them, knowing what are the prejudices of childhood, of an education studiously erroneous, what is the power and influence of parents and of teachers, of public authority, and of public opinion, and of public law; how all these things create in their minds a conviction that they are right, that they believe the one Faith, and are in the one Church, in which alone is salvation. We rejoice to recommend them to the love of our Heavenly Father, believing that though they be materially in error, and in many things materially in opposition to His truth and His will, yet they do not know, and, morally speaking, many can not know it, and that therefore He will not require it at their hands.—Cardinal Manning.

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other countries. The order

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English-speaking clients

Francis and Franciscan Tert

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BISHOP RACICOT BLE

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has been named pastor of the

established parish, and Rev.

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It is expected that the new

will be ready for service

night mass at Christmas.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOA

At the weekly meeting of

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Tuesday evening, a letter w

from the Hon. Rodolphe Roy

the opening of the Catholic

schools for Oct. 1, the clas

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The grant to schools unde

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Mr. Maurice Cullen was a

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in succession to Mr. Henri B

has gone to New York.

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