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NOTES.

The *Irish World*, Mr. Patrick Ford's paper, devoted four pages of a recent number in order to show the necessity, feasibility and desirability of Mr. Blaine's nomination. A matter so self-evident, as Mr. Ford says it is, remarks the *St. Louis Church Progress*, we should think would not require such an array of proof or evidence.

The Most Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Kingston, arrived in his episcopal city on Wednesday evening. Dr. Cleary, who was formerly parish priest at Dungarvan, Ireland, on his way back from Rome to his diocese, visited his former parishioners, and was presented with a warm address from the Town Commissioners. His Lordship, in reply, dwelt upon the wretched condition of Ireland, and said that, although he had travelled nearly all the countries in Europe since he left his diocese, he had seen no such misery anywhere. This condition of Ireland was caused by the law of foreign legislators. His Lordship advised intending emigrants to be careful that before they left their country they saw some opening or prospects of employment. They always heard of those who succeeded in foreign lands, but they did not always hear of those who failed, and there were many failures.

It is rumoured in Baptist circles that Mr. Spurgeon, equally unwilling to return to the Baptist Union and to allow his flock to be as sheep without a shepherd after his death or resignation, is about to follow the example of Wesley, Irving, and other eminent Protestant preachers, and found a new sect of his own. "We suppose," says the *Liverpool Catholic Times*, "the new religion will be called Spurgeonism, and its adherents Spurgeonites; and no doubt it will profess to be the one and only true genuine Christianity. There is, indeed, no reason in the Nonconformist theory of Christianity why there should not be as many sects as there are congregations of dissenters. By and by the English Baptists will follow the example of the Scotchman who attended no place of worship, as the Gos-

pel was not preached in any he knew of with sufficient purity, averring that he and his wife Jean were the only true believers left, and adding as an afterthought that he "was no just that sure about Jean."

A project is on foot to present Cardinal Manning with his cathedral free from debt on the 8th of June, 1890, the day on which he will keep the silver jubilee of his episcopal consecration. The undertaking is in charge of a committee of prelates and laymen, among whom are the Earl of Denbigh, the Earl of Gainsborough, Lord Herries, Rev. Lord Charles Thynne, Lord Edmund Talbot, Sir Charles Clifford, Sir Humphrey de Trafford, Sir Charles Russel, M.P., Sir James C. Mathew, and Mr. Wilfrid Meynell. The committee in its address says: "The name and work of Cardinal Manning are venerated and appreciated all over the Catholic world. His pastoral care in the training of the clergy, his zeal for the cause of Christian education, and his provision for preserving the faith of the children of the poor, are the lasting monument of his episcopate. Not only has he preached unweariedly Sunday after Sunday in the various churches of the diocese, but he has bequeathed a store of precious writings to posterity. It has been his especial solicitude to place the means of hearing mass and approaching the Sacraments within easy reach of all. He has been a great philanthropist, active in all national works of charity, and he has made a vigorous crusade against drunkenness, which has extended beyond these realms."

The bestowal of the convent medal on the young girls who have studied etiquette and amiability as the *Freeman's Journal* says "since last September," and the conventional custom of closing the schools with an amateur theatrical entertainment, come in for ironical comment from some of our exchanges. The former it is urged had better go. They cause jealousy and sins against charity. There is good sense as well as good humour in what the *Catholic Citizen* of Milwaukee has to say of the stage business:— But who says that the entertainment pretends to exhibit the work of the school? Parents dear come to be amused somewhat this warm weather. The clothier and the haberdasher do a thriving trade in graduation costumes. Parents only care to see their hopefuls parade the rostrum, well-dressed and healthful. This is not the season for problems in arithmetic. To attempt to puzzle the amiable youth during this warm weather with questions in geography and figures is cruelty to animals. Let the boy read the essay he has been preparing for the past month, and which he can go through so easily that he need not think what he is saying. See precocious baby girls reel off phenomenal music, and think of the training power of the "good teachers" who got them ready for this wonderful exhibition. Some of us are *blase* on school commencements and exhibitions, and Crump is unreasonable. But there are parents who can sit it all through and have their sympathetic feelings worked upon more powerfully than if the stage were occupied by Booth and Barrett in a great emotional drama. And all these children take their parts well, and their parents ought to be proud of them, and the teachers deserve credit. Of course they do.