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SCIENCE AND THE UNIVERSE.

The address of Professor Darwin before the British Association, at Johannesburg, which the scientists this year selected as their place of meeting, reads somewhat like an ironical commentary upon the elaborate and costly preparations made throughout the world for observation of the recent eclipse. The eclipse was nothing new, but the cheerful optimism of modern science was fully prepared to take advantage of anything new that might happen.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN CAPE BRETON.

Our contemporary, The Antigonish Casket, publishes an instructive and interesting description of the Jubilee of St. Francis Xavier College in that town. This celebration emphasizes a fact well recognized among Catholics generally both in Canada and the United States, namely, that Antigonish has well upheld for more than a generation the stan-

dard of Catholic education. From humble beginnings St. Francis Xavier's has come into the control of a wide field of educational activity, from which it has reaped good crops, and after 50 years of existence, boasts to-day that it can compare with the other colleges of the continent. Its Jubilee, therefore, was an event in which all classes in Cape Breton had a share of interest. Dr. Thompson in the Rectorial address touched the spirit of this interest when he said not of St. Francis Xavier alone, but of all the sister colleges in the lower provinces, that no multi-millionaire laid their foundations in wealth and built their walls from private fortune.

The conclusion of Mr. Costigan's letter is as follows: "I was forced to the conclusion then that Sir Charles had espoused the Remedial Bill simply because otherwise he could not have succeeded Sir Mackenzie, who had made its acceptance as a party plank the condition upon which he was to become Premier. I took an early opportunity in Parliament of saying so. Then we had the Provincial elections in New Brunswick. Mr. Foster wishing to show his strength there, determined to run the campaign on strictly party lines, a course at variance with my own previous record and with that of the majority of the Conservatives of New Brunswick. I refused to countenance Mr. Foster's programme whereupon Conservative papers all over the country began to charge me with being dishonest, with being influenced by sordid motives, with being ready to support any party that had favors to bestow, and to desert it as soon as it had none to give—all this in face of the fact that I stuck to Sir John Macdonald in his darkest days of Opposition, and that in subsequent years when prominent Conservatives were accused of having enriched themselves at the public expense not even the shadow of such an accusation I am proud to say ever fell upon me. Mr. Foster's friends and Mr. Foster's newspapers still call me a traitor to the party, but I am content to let Sir Mackenzie Bowell speak of me as he has found me. I am sure he will not refuse me a certificate of loyalty. I am certain that if he cares to speak his mind he will declare the real traitors to be the men who betrayed him and who are attacking me."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The terrible earthquake shocks reported from Southern Italy are a reminder of the unchanging forces of nature. Nations and races follow each other and build their empires upon the crust of the earth which slumbers for a space, but all unexpectedly develops violence.

If the moon is 1,000 million years old, and still a maiden on classic authority, the camera fiends should have spared her the exposure of that wrinkle or crack on her face. Perhaps if the whole truth were known the camera fiends are themselves more cracked than the moon.

While the Anglican Synod is to be congratulated upon a firm decision taken with regard to the divorce question, the case sought to be made out by the majority in behalf of "the innocent party" must be regarded as a remarkable feature of the discussion.

CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.

Some hitherto unpublished correspondence of Hon. John Costigan has just been brought to light in St. John. His letters deal with the famous "Nest of Traitors" episode in the history of the Conservative party, when Sir Mackenzie Bowell was forced out of the Premiership and succeeded by Sir Charles Tupper. Mr. Costigan at that time wrote a letter to some of the Bishops who were interested in the Manitoba school question, informing them that Sir Mackenzie Bowell relinquished the Premiership to Sir Charles on the distinct understanding that the Remedial Bill should be put through Parliament. At first Sir Charles flatly refused to agree to this and a deadlock ensued for a brief space. Sir Mackenzie remained firm and Sir Charles Tupper at last consented to assume responsibility for the Bill.

The death at Brisbane of Dr. Kevin Izod O'Doherty, the last survivor of the leaders of the Young Ireland movement of 1848, will call attention to a remarkable career. When a young medical student in Dublin he was attracted by the stirring poems of "Eva," which appeared in the "Nation," and soon fell in love with the young poetess herself. She was Miss Eva Mary Kelly, a native of Galway, one of the brilliant group of "Nation" writers that numbered among its members "Speranza" (Lady Wilde) and "Mary" (Ellen Downing). When, at the outbreak of '48, Kevin O'Doherty was arrested and put on trial for his life, things looked dark indeed for the youthful lovers. Twice, however, the jury disagreed, and there being a possibility that the rebel would escape justice, a nominal pardon was offered him, on condition that he would plead guilty. On this occasion he consulted with Eva, then his affianced wife. His own instinct urged him not to yield, but he felt that the sacrifice demanded from her thereby was almost too

great. Eva, loyally and self-forgetfully, supported her lover, urging him to face the worst boldly, and promising that she would wait for him, however long the sentence might be. Next day he was brought up again for trial, and condemned to ten years' transportation. Eva was permitted a farewell interview in his cell, and cheerfully entered upon her time of waiting. At length the years passed, and he was permitted in 1856 to tread Irish soil once more. Two days after he made Eva his bride, and when, not long afterwards, he set out for Australia, she accompanied him, a voluntary exile from the land she loved so well. Among her best-known poems are "The People's Chief" and the stirring lines, "Were you ever in Sweet Tipperary?" In his "History of the Irish in Australia," Mr. J. F. Hogan narrates how Dr. O'Doherty, when he stood for the first time as a Parliamentary candidate for Brisbane, was called away on the evening of polling-day to an urgent case some distance outside the city. On his return he met some horsemen coming from Brisbane. In response to his inquiry, "Who's in?" he received the gratifying, if somewhat ungracious, reply: "That old rebel, O'Doherty."

May God Prosper Them

The 26th of August, 1905, will be ever memorable in the annals of the Sisters of Charity, Emmitsburg, Maryland. On that day six zealous members of that Community, at the request of the Redemptorist Fathers, sailed on the steamer Coamo from New York for Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

Mayaguez is situated on the western coast of the island. It is the third largest city of Porto Rico, ranking next to San Juan and Ponce. In the city are an asylum, a hospital and a convent conducted by the Sisters of Charity, exemplary and self-sacrificing religious belonging to the Spanish province. The six American Sisters who sailed so recently will conduct the Parochial School in which the children will be taught both Spanish and English.

December 8th, 1902, the Redemptorist Fathers of the Baltimore Province, in response to an appeal made to them by Archbishop Chapelle and Bishop Blank, took charge of the parish of Mayaguez. The parish embraces not only the city with its 15,000 inhabitants, but also the surrounding country district with a population of almost 10,000 souls.

The Redemptorist Fathers are the only American priests engaged in our new possession. They are giving their services to the people without receiving any material remuneration. Under Spanish rule the Government supplied the church. Since the occupation of the island by the United States the church and the clergy are without support; the majority of the people are extremely poor. After taking charge of the parish the Redemptorist Fathers built a church in that part of the city situated along the seashore, called La Playa. At present five Fathers are located in Mayaguez: Rev. Charles Sigl, Superior; Rev. Wm. Lindner, Rev. Jas. Feeney, Rev. John Lynch and Rev. Peter Dietrich. Fathers Sigl, Feeney and Dietrich attend to the parish church. Father Lynch is engaged in the Church on the Seashore, and Rev. Wm. Lindner spends his time in the country districts.

Memorial to John Boyle O'Reilly

On Aug. 10 it was fifteen years since John Boyle O'Reilly died, lamented by all who had known him either personally or through his writings. On the fifteenth anniversary of the poet-patriot's death, a memorial, recently erected at his birthplace, Dowth, Ireland, was the centre of commemorative exercises. The memorial, which is of granite and of imposing proportions, was raised by contributions from friends and admirers throughout the world, a large amount being subscribed by Americans. The bust of O'Reilly on the face of the memorial is of heroic size, and the surmounting Celtic cross is of massive dimensions. The inscription on the face is in Gaelic. A free translation follows: "John Boyle O'Reilly, leader, poet, orator, a loyal, noble Gael. He suffered persecution from England for Ireland's sake. He longed to be buried here among the hills and valleys where he was reared, and to which he gave his love. He brought lustre to the fame of his country, and may God grant his soul eternal rest."

The Catholic Press and the "Square Deal"

(From the Ave Maria.) The Catholic press of this country is not all that it should be; it merits some portion of the dispraise and blame unstintedly, and at times unthinkingly, lavished upon it, and it is still notably distant from the ideal which its best friends propose as its objective. All must admit, however, that it is accomplishing excellent work in convincing non-Catholic publishers that a religious body numbering from twelve to fifteen millions is a constituency which cannot be disregarded as unimportant or outraged with impunity.

Within the past quarter of a century, and more especially the last decade, we have noted numerous instances in which well-known publishing firms have paid due heed to the protests of Catholic journalists, and eliminated from such works as encyclopaedias, general histories and text-books for schools extravagant exemplifications of anti-Catholic partisanship and bigotry. Often enough the offensive features of such books existed unknown to the publishers, and it needed only the calling of their attention to the matter to insure the pocket rather than the conscience of the offending firm was appealed to, and the realization that it was not good business practically to exclude one-sixth of the population from the list of possible purchasers led forthwith to equally good results.

Appointment of Dr. F. P. McNulty

Dr. F. P. McNulty, who has just been appointed Medical Superintendent of St. Joseph's Hospital, Peterboro, is making a tour of the hospitals of Toronto, Buffalo and other large cities before taking up the work of his new position.

Dr. Ryan Appointed

Dr. Ryan of Kingston has been appointed superintendent of the Rockwood Asylum. Dr. Ryan is also Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at Queen's University and chief medical officer of the C.M.B.A.

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It aims to meet the needs of Catholic higher education in the Province of Ontario, to afford to our youth, under the guiding influence of the Church, the academic instruction they are prone to seek in secular institutions. Founded thus to foster Catholic ideals in the province, its salutary influence extends far beyond those bounds, so that to-day many a priest and professional man not alone in the East and West of the vast Dominion, but in New England and other parts of the American Republic looks to Ottawa College as his Alma Mater. His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, saw fit to recognize the international work of the institution by his presence at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Arts building now rising from the ashes of the old.

Thus, with a record of work done during a half century of sacrifice and continuous energy, and with results of incalculable good to the welfare of the Dominion, brought about by the harmonious amalgamation of two leading peoples, with the seal of the approbation of the Church and the recognition of its international character as evidenced by the just quoted instance of the presence of Cardinal Gibbons; the University now presents itself to its friends divested of all habits save those of its excellent past history, and its determination to try for even greater results in future. The University hopes that those to whose interests it has ever been true will turn towards it in this its hour of adversity and by contributing each his share, help to build up a new, splendid building to replace the old, in which the highest education of the country may be disseminated and developed, and which will present to future generations the enlightened generosity of the people of our day.

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Hon. S. N. Parent Resigns

Hon. S. N. Parent has sent in his resignation as member of the Legislative Assembly, and at a meeting of the City Council he resigned his office of Mayor of Quebec.

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