

The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE...

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ROME THE PAINTINGS OF THE CATACOMBS.

Mr. P. L. Connellan writes to the Dublin Freeman as follows: On the 31st of May, 1878—wrote De Rossi, the great master of Christian Archaeology, in the beginning of the first volume of his grand work, "Roma Sotterranea"...

place in which he wrought was not, indeed, favorable to the development of artistic fantasies and picturesque ornaments. Yet in spite of all these drawbacks, the Christian painter told his story clearly, and the artistic character of his work kept pace, in a certain measure, with the progress of retrogression of the arts in the upper world of his contemporaries.

Since that distant date they have been studied now with curiosity rather than carelessness, and again, as De Rossi's case, with scientific accuracy and severe method. And now, after a lapse of 25 years of observation and study, it may be asserted that the last word regarding the paintings of the Catacombs—the first of which was brought to light on 31st May, 1878—has been said by Monsignor Joseph Wilpert, in his great work recently published on "The Paintings of the Roman Catacombs."

eighteen centuries of exposure to all the enemies of early Christian art, this fresco fascinates the beholder. It goes to show besides, as the same author has it, that "the affectionate veneration of the Virgin Mother of Our Lord is a fact which meets us at the very threshold of Christian history."

According to every probability, "So, through the centuries in which the Catacombs were used as places of sepulture Mgr. Wilpert conducts his readers, pointing out to them and describing and explaining in a way never before achieved, in its completeness and accuracy of knowledge. The number and variety of subjects which the art of the Catacombs furnish to study are surprising."

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opportunity of hearing the distinguished actress, and there was gathered round the people's place, where the entertainment was held, a collection of carriages such as the East End seldom sees. The reception accorded to Miss Anderson was enthusiastic in the extreme.

A Wide Sphere of Usefulness.—The consumption of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has grown to great proportions. Notwithstanding the fact that it has now been on the market for over twenty-one years, its popularity is as great as ever and the demand for it in that period has very greatly increased.

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One of the prominent features in the first issue of Mr. Stead's new London journal is an account written by Mr. George Lynch of his recent interview with the Pope. Mr. Lynch was introduced to His Holiness by Mr. Murphy, the head of the Irish College in Rome.

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Misfortunes of Michael Balfe's Only Son Mr. J. Spencer Curwen, the well-known musician, has written to the London Daily Telegraph to appeal for help for Michael William Balfe, the only son of the celebrated composer.

A Famous Woman Princess Mathilde, whose death is announced between eighty and ninety years of age, and with one exception the last survivor of the brilliant days of the old and the new Royalty.

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Monument to Priest in the Klondike In the Catholic Church of Dawson, Yukon Territory, a marble monument has now been placed over the grave of the Rev. Father Judge, S.J., the first priest who worked for the pioneers of the Klondike.

The Next Consistory Rome, Jan. 14.—At the Vatican it is believed that the next Consistory has been definitely postponed until June.

"Major" Archibald on Toronto Children Major Archibald in his report to the Board of Control on the Prison Gate section of the work of the Salvation Army, says this: "Opposite where I live is a school."

Catholic Church in England The English Catholic Directory for 1904 shows that there are 1,592 Catholic churches, chapels, and mission stations in England and Wales, and that there are 1,956 Catholic public elementary schools under the inspection of the Government.

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