

THE WEEK IN IRELAND.

AN IRISH SYNOD.—It is a wonderful thing how prone are some Protestant religious bodies, especially in Ireland, to allow politics to sway their deliberations.

There is a certain Dr. Long, with whose purpose of converting Limerick by means of pills and poisons, our readers are all conversant.

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UNITED IRISH LEAGUE.—An important circular has been issued from the headquarters of the United Irish League, 38 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, from which we take the following extracts:—

The United Irish League having created the present opportunity, and the only existing means of grappling with and destroying the demon of alien rule, from which our misdeeds spring, no man claiming to be a Nationalist can any longer find an excuse for standing outside the ranks of this Nationalist organization.

Through us are strong in the possession of an able and faithful party in Parliament, who will do what

may be possible on our behalf when a Land Bill is produced, we should profit by the warning given by the chairman of the party, that the value of the coming Land Bill will really be determined by the action of the people at home.

While laborers, artisans, and town tenants and traders can secure in support of this organization by joining its ranks, they have a special inducement to join in the fact, in addition to the particular reforms which they seek, they will also necessarily profit by an improved condition of the rural population.

When the people of a parish continue to form or renew a branch of the League, they should elect officers and a committee freely and with judgment, one from each townland or principal division of the parish, and to enroll all his neighbors, and attend all branch meetings.

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A VIOLENT STORM.—Probably no more violent storm since swept over the North of Ireland since the great one of 1894 than the tempest which raged from an early hour on Nov. 12 till early next morning, and affected Belfast with particular and serious results.

IN THE HOUR OF DEATH.—The shortest and safest means of discovering the habits needed to make us ready for death is to discover the characteristics that belong to the act of death itself.

True, up to this supreme moment human help may avail us, but love, and human prayers and ministrations may make our death-bed honored, and help us in our dying acts. But when this moment dawns,

come, then all else must go. We may be surrounded, if married, by husband or wife, children, and children's children, to the third and fourth generations.

What habit, then, to be acquired in life, will most correspond to this awful characteristic of loneliness at death? Undoubtedly, the habit of looking straight at God, of thinking only of His judgment, and of our fellow-men's, in everything we do; of living, in short, as though our souls were already alone with Him as they will be when they leave the body.

This habit is one called in Catholic spiritual language "a pure intention." It is a habit misunderstood, or but partially understood, by many but when once made clear, immediately seen to be necessarily a powerful help to preparing the soul for that inevitable moment when the approval of our Maker will be literally the only thing that matters to us.

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tion between a 'pure' and a 'right' intention. A pure intention is when the beginning, prosecution, and consummation of an action is performed solely for the glory of God, without the alloy of any human motives.

This passage is taken from a "note" to a chapter which treats fully of the direction of the will towards God, to the whole of which chapter any reader not already knowing the book—may turn, with great profit, for a full and beautiful drawing out of the point in question.

Surely, then, with the solitude of death before us, we cannot do better than let the first "Hail Mary" of the week be said for the grace of purity of intention in all our actions.

The War in South Africa And Its Problems.

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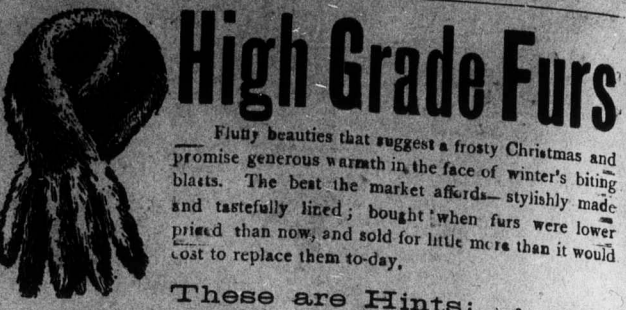
The cost of the war cannot be less than the familiar million and a quarter pounds sterling a week, if it has not now risen, as many believe, to a million and a half.

The conservative whips have no objection to any serious revolt in their ranks. There are some discontented men, typified by that exceedingly clever, independent, gentleman, Mr. Gibson Bowles, but the Tory rank and file are regarded as certain to vote with the Government in any event.

What ever may be thought of the trick from the moral point of view, the Liberal surrender are not going to endanger their seats by running the risk of another dissolution.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's speeches at Plymouth and Bath have given great satisfaction to advanced Liberals, and, as I believe, to the majority of the party to which he leads, but it would be useless to deny that there are eminent, influential Liberals who do not agree with him, for, while he accepts as inevitable the annexation of the republic he insists upon the offer of reasonable terms to the Boers, and he repeats his protest against the methods of barbarism which are given as an excuse for the concentration camps.

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