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NOTES OF THE WEEK!

ROMAN CORRESPONDENCE.—We have so frequently found fault with the secular correspondents who, from Rome, supply our daily American press with so-called information regarding details of Vatican affairs, that we almost have given up all idea of ever being able to impress upon the public the necessity of being guarded against these fabrications of news, and of persuading these writers that their inventions are not believed by the public. Above all did we find it queer that men, absolutely outside ecclesiastical circles should claim to know more about the intentions of the Pope and the details of Vatican internal economy, than could the members of the Papal household expect to know.

The test, for us, of the unreliability of these quasi-prophetic statements, is the attributing to Cardinals and other members of the hierarchy all manner of political schemes and ambitions, of intrigues to compass their ambitious ends. The moment we find such theories advanced, we at once read between the lines, and discover an absence of all regular or reliable knowledge, and a vain attempt to show wisdom and information at the expense of truth and at the expense of the Church. Still we are not surprised, for such is, after all, their only, stock-in-trade. But when we find a Catholic correspondent, writing for a Catholic paper, and plunging into the same vortex we are pained, instead of being surprised, and we wonder at the heedlessness of the Catholic journal that accepts his "ipse dixit," as bearing the seal of authenticity. In a lengthy letter, dated Rome, such a correspondent goes over the whole list of probable and improbable appointments—setting down nationality as the leading requisite in a Cardinal to be given any important diplomatic charge—he says:—"Since my last letter, Cardinal Missia, bishop of Gorz, has died suddenly. He was not a factor of importance in the Sacred College with regard to conclave possibilities, except inasmuch as he was an Austrian Cardinal."

There he is again, with the national question; as if the fact of a Cardinal being an Austrian had anything to do with his chances of one day becoming the Vicar of Christ. But the very term "factor" savors too much of American politics; it sounds like a Republican declaring that such a Democrat "was not an important factor with regard to nomination possibilities," for governor of a State, or Senator. We are not questioning the particular position held by the late Cardinal, or whether he was or was not a likely person to have ascended the Papal throne; what we find fault with is the lowering of the sacred dignity of the Church to the level of temporal politics with all their ambitions, intrigues and corruption. It is the ideal we cannot silently see effaced.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY.—As our Montreal branch of the Catholic Truth Society has been instrumental in such a great amount of good in the community, and as its members are ever ready to adopt any sage advice, or practical views concerning its operation, we thought well to take a few extracts from a

recent report of the meeting held by the Catholic Truth Society of London, in the Chapter Hall of the Archbishop's House, Westminster. We will not attempt to touch the masterly and satisfactory annual report read by Mr. J. Britton, the secretary; the details are all of a local character, and beyond the general statement of all the good done in the circulation of proper literature, it can prove of little interest to our readers. Very eloquent and encouraging addresses were delivered by His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan and by the Bishops of Southwark and of Emmaus. But we find something very pertinent in the remarks made by Mr. F. Fitzalan Hope, M.P. He pointed out that the work of this society was to provide for non-Catholics, as well as for their own brethren; and he proceeded to show that what was wanted for those outside the Church was not "polemical controversy, but a plain statement of the teaching of the Catholic Church. The absence of bitterness and anything like venom in its publications contributed in a great measure to its success. Nothing was more satisfactory than the sound and sensible character of the publications. Many present must have been pained, not to say disgusted, at coming across quasi-devotional publications of unhealthy and mawkish character. He had seen publications in which stories had been told of saints, and he was perfectly certain those saints could never have done the things that their panegyrist attributed to them, and, if they did, then it was in their very early youth, and they had done severe penance for them in their latter days. Nothing of this description could be found in the publications of the Catholic Truth Society, but, on the contrary, everything that was manly and true. He thought they might congratulate the society, and particularly the secretary, on having steered clear of one very dangerous pitfall. He had never run on to a political quicksand."

It seems to us that a very good lesson might be taken from these remarks, especially as concerns politics. We cannot see how, in any work for the cause of religion, there is room for even the shadow of politics. They creep in and pervert minds, creating antagonisms, and weakening the action of those who should be fully united upon the grand object of their work. It is a pleasure to see so much interest taken by public men and members of Parliament in the workings of the Catholic Truth Society—it augurs well for the future.

"LOOKING BACKWARD."—There are more ways than one of "looking backward," and of going backward. In a contemporary we find the following queer account of an entertainment for children:—"A children's party given recently took the form of what was called a Bellamy party, the idea being taken from the book, 'Looking Backward.' All the guests were invited to come with their clothing put on the wrong way; the girls wore their frocks buttoned the reverse side from which they were intended, masks at the end were made from some thin material of their heads and bonnets whose crowns fitted over their faces,

rial through which they could see without being seen. Some of the girls wore flaps or hats with deep lace falling from the brim over their faces, which answered the same purpose. Boys had their coats and vests put on wrong, their collars and neckties fastened in the back, and wore wigs whose long hair fell over their faces, while their masks, too, were fitted over their heads. The evening opened with some square dances in which the company seemed to be all dancing backward. Afterwards there were some prize contests and later the company unmasked, when the effect was even funnier than when their faces were concealed." If there is one thing more than another that we have always advocated for children, it is recreation—that is amusement, and all manner of innocent games and pastimes. But we fail to see how an entertainment of the kind above described could contribute to the advancement, either mentally, morally, physically, or otherwise of children. In fact, the title seems to us pretty well chosen, if it intended to indicate the tendencies created by such foolish and worse than childish entertainment. We see nothing elevating in it; nor yet is there anything actually amusing, even for boys and girls. A lot of what the thoughtless call "fun," but it is the fun of the clown-in-the-circus quality, that may raise a boisterous laugh, but leaves no good or happy impression on those who enjoyed it.

for the insurance companies affected, of which there are seven, is for a member of the gang to take out a policy in an accident insurance company. In a short time the person insured meets with a fake accident on a surface car or ferry-boat. Confederates are on hand to give testimony as witnesses. One of the doctors gives a certificate detailing the alleged injury. In several cases when physicians of the insurance companies have tried to make an examination of the supposed injuries they were prevented, as the patients' legs or arms were encased in plaster casts or bandages, which the attending doctors refused to remove on the ground that it would endanger their patients. The fraud, it is alleged, has been worked not only here, but in every other large city in the country, and within the past two years accident companies have been swindled out of \$1,000,000, or one-third of the total losses paid in that time."

What interests us most in this piece of news is the fact that it is a fresh evidence of the demoralized state of the world to-day. Men seem to have no aim but to make money, and to make it without any consideration of the primary rules of honesty. There is a growing desire to avoid work, to escape from honest labor, to cast aside the fulfillment of the ordinance that "man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow," and to devise means whereby others may be robbed of their rightful possessions. All this indicates a lack of all faith in the inevitable hereafter, in the Providence of God, in the responsibility of each individual for his own acts, and of the unavoidable punishment that must come hereafter, even if it be avoided here below. Traced to its source, this sad condition of affairs is due to the absence of religious education, of that moral training for which the Church contends with so much devotedness and energy on this continent. Every item of this nature that appears in the press is a new and additional argument in favor of proper religious education and of the absolute necessity for the State to abolish the Godless system of schools. It is a necessity for the State, because the whole social fabric is being honeycombed with the insects of immorality, and the national edifice that overhangs it, must soon come down with a crash, if the warning voices of the hour are not hearkened to by the State.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE.—The medical profession of this city tendered a banquet, a few days ago, to Hon. Sir William Hingston, M.D., professor of surgery at Laval; Dr. D. C. McCallum, emeritus professor at McGill, and Dr. J. P. Rottot, dean of the medical faculty of Laval, all of whom have been practising for more than half a century. The function was worthy of the distinguished jubilarians.

POPE'S ENCYCLICALS.—Leo XIII. has written eighty encyclicals during his pontificate.

GENEROUS BELFAST.—Five new appointments to the city magistracy are announced. No Catholic citizen is among the number. Nor has any Catholic been appointed for several years past. This fact speaks for itself trumpet-tongued.—Belfast Irish Weekly.

WON'T EAT MEAT.—Following the announcement by the retail dealers of Oswego of an advance in the prices of beef and fresh meat, the employees of the Standard Oil Company's box factory have signed a document agreeing to eat no meat for thirty days. Two hundred men have signed and they say that they are determined to carry out their agreement.

A SALE OF TIMBER LIMITS.—Another sale of timber limits will be held in Quebec, June 3rd. About three thousand, five hundred miles of timber limits in different parts of the province are offered for sale, at upset prices fixed by the department subject to the payment of the ground rent of three dollars per mile and the fire tax, as well as subject to the conditions for timber lands as they exist in this province or as they may be changed later on.

INSURANCE MANIPULATORS.—Some arrests have recently been made in New York that are likely to lead to the breaking up of a dangerous gang of insurance manipulators. There are some seven insurance companies that have been the victims of this novel swindle. The gang consists of about fifteen, of whom three or four are physicians. The following will explain the methods:—"Their plan, according to counsel

THE LATE THEODORE WHITE. One of the recent deaths in this city which awakened much sympathy was that of Mr. Theodore White, the well known and highly esteemed jeweller of Notre Dame street. For many decades Mr. White had been a prominent figure in his particular line, in fact, it may be said that he was the pioneer in the jewelry business in his district. When the project of organizing mutual building societies was mooted, about thirty years ago, in Irish Catholic ranks, he took a leading part in the work of organization. He was a man of generous and kindly ways, and many are the acts of kindness and charity which he performed in his own unostentatious way unknown to the world. His sons are well known and respected in Catholic circles, and are earnest and zealous workers in our social and benevolent associations. To Mrs. White and family we offer our most sincere sympathy in their bereavement.—R.I.P.

TO STOP IRISH CARICATURES.—Senator James P. Bree of New Haven, Conn., National Secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, in discussing the movement among Irish American societies for the suppression of the Irish race on the stage and in pictorial papers, said:—"There is hardly a meeting of an Irish American society at which the subject is not discussed. The agitation is for the education of the people. We recognize that fact that theatrical managers strive to give the people what they want and that these caricatures of the race would not be presented did not the people applaud them. We must not be considered as oversensitive. What we object to is such characterizations as exploit the worst features of the race and make capital of the failings of human nature and ascribe them wholly to a type of Irishmen which does not exist. An Irishman can stand a joke just as well as any other nationality, but he does not enjoy jokes that belittle his race."

IMMIGRATION NOTES. CANADA.—Seldom, if ever in the history of the Dominion immigration department has there been such an influx of settlers to Canada by ocean ports. During the past two weeks the following arrivals have been reported:—

SS. Lake Simcoe	1,333
Tunisian	1,479
Parisian	717
Sarmatian	300
Pretorian	380
Bulgaria	1,760
Lake Manitoba	1,423
	7,392

The great bulk of these passengers, possibly 6,000 were for the Northwest. It is expected that during the next few weeks there will be quite as large a proportion of arrivals as during the past two weeks.

UNITED STATES.—A special despatch from Christiania, May 5, says: Thirty thousand Norwegian emigrants are booked to sail for the United States during the season of 1902.

DELEGATE APOSTOLIC TO AMERICA. His Eminence Cardinal Sebastian Martinielli, second Delegate Apostolic to America, has been recalled to Rome, and will leave this country today. It is stated that Monsignor Diomedeo Falconio, the present Apostolic Delegate to Canada, will succeed Cardinal Martinielli as Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

A NOBLE TRIBUTE. A \$10,000 altar has been donated to St. Michael's Church, Flushing, N.J., by Mrs. Donnelly in honor of the silver jubilee of her son, Rev. Eugene J. Donnelly, the rector.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY. The Catholic clergy of Philadelphia are forming a Catholic Truth Society. Every large city in the country should follow suit.

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