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EDUCATION.

The Prussians often said that their recent campaigns against Austria and France were won by the school-masters.

In the St. Petersburg district there is but one scholar in a population of seventy-two; in the Eastern district, one in a hundred; and in the Moscow district, one in 144.

A PROTESTANT BISHOP ON GALILEO. The following excellent defence of the Catholic Church as regards its so-called opposition to science is from the sermon of the Protestant Episcopal Bishop Cleveland Coxe, of New York.

"We are told that the church has always been the enemy of learning, but can there be a more stupid slander? This argument is always backed up by the story of the persecution of Galileo.

ITALY GIRTING FOR WAR.

The Pall Mall Gazette appears to think that Italy is preparing for war. That journal says that:—

The Italian Minister of War has ordered the formation of a fourth railway company to be attached to the Second regiment of engineers at Turin, and the Italian forces though numbering only ten army corps, have twice as many of these railway companies as the French with twenty army corps.

PERSECUTION IN PRUSSIA.

The work of persecution goes bravely on in Prussia. It must rejoice the hearts of Canadian Catholics to notice how Bismarck continues on his way.

The endowment and spoliation of the Catholic Church in Prussia form the second important part of the labours of the State Legislature.

£10,000 is intended for the diocese of Posen, £8000 for that of Breslau, £8800 for that of Cologne. All this money remains in the hands of the government, where it accumulates, pending the time when the Catholic clergy will submit to the dictates of the secular authorities.

NEW IRELAND.

Mr. A. M. Sullivan, the Home Rule M. P., for Louth is perhaps one of the ablest Irishmen of the age. His book "New Ireland" is having an immense sale.

"What became of Brock?" "He was murdered a very short time after he had taken possession close by his house, about six o'clock in the evening."

"What became of Diamond?" "Diamond was attacked and very much injured. He is now in a disabled state."

"What became of Alexander Moorhead?" "He had all his cattle destroyed in January."

"What became of Cole?" "On his way to purchase stock he was stabbed and beaten in a most savage manner. His life was despaired of."

"What became of Cathart?" "On four different occasions he was fired at and ultimately was shot dead near his own dwelling."

"What became of Rollins?" "Rollins and the second Diamond lived together. Their stock was taken away, and was found killed, skinned, and buried in bog holes."

"What became of Hugh Moorhead?" "He was murdered while sitting round the fire in the evening with his little family."

"What became of William Morrison?" "He was murdered. An armed party attacked and murdered him in a house in Drumlish."

That is one side of the picture, but the other is presented also. In the chapter entitled "Lochaber no more" accounts are given of some of those heartrending cases of wholesale eviction the moorst narration of which would make the blood run cold.

LAPPING THE SECOND GRIVITZA REDOUBT. Digging trenches is unpleasant and dangerous. It has much of the danger of battle, with none of its excitement.

Yesterday I rode out to the positions before Pleyna, and paid a visit to the great Grivitza redoubt held by the Roumanians. My way lay through the little village of Grivitza, which is situated in the valley between the hill occupied by the Russian siege battery and the opposite hill surmounted by the great redoubt which offered such a stout resistance to the Russian and Roumanian forces.

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and must, I should think, make the assault in a day or two. As soon as I had seen the parallel. I left the great redoubt, very glad to get away from the flying bullets and the horrible odor of decaying human flesh, with which every piece of earth in and about the place seemed to be impregnated.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A recent Parliamentary return, issued at the instance of Mr. Butt, in reference to the number of Catholic students of Trinity College shows that the number of Catholic students having their names on the books of Trinity College at the present time is 76; the number of such students having rooms within the college is 12; the number of Catholics who have been admitted to scholarship to the college since and including the year 1873 is 4.

DUKE OF NORFOLK.

Commenting upon the recent marriage of the Duke of Norfolk the New York Times says:—Of late years a remarkable change has taken place in England, as regards the Roman Catholic aristocracy. Formerly they lived almost entirely by themselves, both in town and country, but now they mix almost as much in Protestant as in Catholic society.

PIERCE NAGLE, THE FENIAN SPY.

It is not easy to determine the stage at which a secret conspiracy can be most effectually struck. A single incident showed the authorities in Dublin Castle that they had not many moments to lose. On the machine-room staff of the Irish People was a man named Pierce Nagle, a great favourite and confidential agent, or courier, of Mr. Stephens.

THE ENGLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE WAR.

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CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS IN AUSTRIA.

Austria, 77; Bavaria, 77; Switzerland, 53; Saxony, 3; Baden, 12.

WHAT HE SAW AT MAYNOOTH.

In his recent peregrination through Ireland the Hon. Mr. Gladstone made it his business to pay a visit to the famed College of Maynooth. In inspecting the library we read that, "passing on, he noticed many editions, ancient and modern, of the Old Testament, and remarked that it had been frequently said, both in and out of Parliament, and the impression still existed in some quarters, that the Bible was excluded from the shelves of Catholic scholastic libraries.

It will not be forgotten, however, that it is but a very short time since Mr. Gladstone himself reiterated the very slander on Catholics which he now affects to condemn. Whether or not the "impression" is removed from him by his late visit to Maynooth we cannot say, but it is at least to be expected that whether "in or out of Parliament" he will henceforth abstain from repeating the stale calumny that the Bible is withheld from the people by the Catholic hierarchy.

ERZEROU.

Erzeroum, which is now the central point of interest in the operations in Armenia, is a fortified town of some fifty or sixty thousand inhabitants, and owing to its position on the high road to Persia is one of the most important places in Asia Minor. Its defences consist of several detached works, of a surrounding wall built in the old Oriental fashion, and of a citadel. The forts, some of which are provided with bomb-proof casemates, crown the principal positions of the neighboring heights, the Keys Dagh and the Kerem-Dagh.

TURKISH PRISONERS AND DESERTERS.

Letters from before Pleyna continue to report desertions from Osman Pasha's army to the Russians. The men who pass over are for the most part Redifs, or reserve men, it seems, they are not so well cared for, especially in the matter of clothing as the troops of the line. A heavy fall of rain is always succeeded by a large increase in the number of deserters.

THE DOOMED CITY

On the evening of the 8th I received my pass to visit the Russian positions—the first permission granted since the recent restrictions upon correspondents were relaxed. Yesterday morning I sallied out to visit the outposts beyond Radichevo, the sun shining brightly as I left these headquarters and all weather signs indicating the return of an Indian summer.

LACOLLE, P.Q.

Mr. William Harty has kindly consented to act as Agent for the TRUE WITNESS in Lacolle and district.

REVIEWS.

CATHOLIC REVIEW.—Reviews and Notices; A Note on a Recent Controversy; Postscript on the Progress of the War.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE.—October, 1877.—Dawson Bros., Montreal. Contents:—Pauline.—Conclusion; The Irony of Life; The Helena of Euripides; Mine is Thine.—Part IV; American Diplomacy in the East; The Khedive's Egypt, and our Route to India; The New Army Warrant; Translations from Heine; The Storm in the East.—No. V.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE.—November, 1877.—Dawson Bros., Montreal. Contents:—Mine is Thine; A Recent Visit to Montenegro and its Capital; Demosthenes; An Anglo-Indian Soldier and Novelist; Rides through Asia; The Political Results of the War; Translations from Heine; The Storm in the East.—No. VI.

THE FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW.—October, 1877.—Belford Brothers, Toronto. Price 50c. Contents:—New Reform Bill; Walter Begehot; M. Renan's New Volume; The Liquidations of 1873-76; The School of Giorgione; Conversations with M. Thiers; The Moral and Social Aspects of Health; Home and Foreign Affairs.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW.—October, 1877.—Dawson Bros., Montreal. Contents:—Torpedo Warfare; The Philosopher Choo-Foo-Tso; Sovnitsa of Countess d'Agouti; Ullins, the Apostle of the Goths; Prince Hardenberg's Memoirs; The Order of the Wolf; Mr. Anthony Trollope's Novels; Lyta's Eton College; The Story of an Indian Life; The Russian Invasion of Turkey.

THE MONTH AND CATHOLIC REVIEW.—November, 1877. D. & J. Sadler, Montreal. Contents:—Bourdalois and his Contemporaries; The Ethics of Belief; The Early History of the Vaigato; Historical Geography in the Seventeenth Century; Alfred the Great; European Turkey in Time of Peace; From the French of Marie Jeanna; Pope Adrian the Sixth.

BELFORD'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—December, 1877. Belford Bros., Toronto. Terms: \$3 a year, in advance; 30 cents a Number. Contents:—Up the Thames; Rocky; Epistolary; Scientism; The Two Canaries; Curious Couplet; Wonder; Fragments of the War of 1812; Summer Days at Vichy; The Photograph; The Priest's Son; Xeramos; Current Literature; Musical; Music. "What Flower is This?"

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.—November, 1877.—Hardy & Mahony, Philadelphia. Terms: \$2.50 a year, in advance; Single Copies, 25 Cts. Contents:—The Conclave. How the Pope is elected; The Three Canticles of Divine Love; Not of the Earth, Earthly; St. Paul on Rationalism; The Voice of Conscience; Light in the Dark Ages. Manners and Customs; A Ray of Sunlight; Eudoxia; The Ocean Bed; Some French Churches; The Reider Alp; Editorial Notes. New Publications.—New Ireland Mixture Lives of the Saints; The Christian Reformed in Mind and Manners.

HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE.—November, 1877. Dawson Brothers, Montreal. Contents:—Ten Years' Acquaintance with Alaska; Palingonosis; The King of Conjurers; San Antonio de Bexar; Contentment; Madelon; Yachting in Blue Waters; The Best Gift; Back to Back—A Story of to-day; A Study; Emma, or my Father's sin; To a School Girl; A Year of American Travel; The Miners of Scranton; My Mother's Objections; Editor's Easy Chair; Editor's Literary Record; Editor's Scientific Record; Editor's Historical Record; Editor's Drawer.

THE DUBLIN REVIEW.—October 1877.—Price Six Shillings. D & J Sadler, & Co Montreal. Contents:—The Channel Islands; Heregather on Church and State; The Poetry of a Psalmist; Christian Charity and Political Economy; Turkey and Russia; Catholicity and National Prosperity; Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester; Recent German Thought—Its Influence on Mr. Lyndall; The French President and the Chamber of Deputies; Notices of Books.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD.—November 1877.—Terms \$4 per year in advance. D & J Sadler, Montreal. Contents:—The Free-Religionists; Smoke-Bound (Poem); St. James of Compostella; A Sweet Revenge; A Glance at the Indian Question; Charles Lever at Home; Order (Sonnet); The Little Chapel at Monamullin; The Two Prophets of Mormonism; To the Wood-Thrush (Poem); The God of "Advanced" Science; A Legend of Dleppe; Romance and Reality of the Death of Father James Marquette; and the Recent Discovery of his Remains; New Publications.

OUR YOUNG FOLK'S MAGAZINE.—December, 1877.—Terms: \$1.50 per year; Single Copies 16cts. Duffy, Cashman & Co, Boston, Mass. Contents:—The Seven Jolly Brothers; The Children and the Old Year. Poetry; The Lost Receipt; Words of Our Holy Father; Little John's Letter; Boy's Rights. Poetry; Too Much of a Good Thing; He Shall Renew Our Youth. Poetry; On the Prairie; Chapters for Our Boys; Social Lions; Gloria in Excelsis! Poetry; An Indian Outrage; Adventure with a Snake; The Letters at School. Poetry. Departments:—Evenings at Home; Our Post Office; Our Young Contributors; Hints to Housekeepers; Puzzles; Drawings; Pictorial American Catholic Young Folks.

ST. NICHOLAS.—December, 1877. Scribner & Co, New York. Terms: \$3 a year, 25 cts. a number. Contents:—Frontispiece. "The Holy Family." The Three Kings; Rowing Against Tide; A Chapter of Butts; The Lion Killer; Bruno's Revenge; The Mocking Bird and the Donkey; The Famous Horses of Venice; Christmas Card; The Peterkin's Charades; A Double Riddle; Under the Lilacs; A Chat about Pottery; Poems by Two Little American Girls; Sweet Marjoram Day; Sing-a-Sing; Now or Then; Jack's Christmas; Left Out; Miss Aloot; The Boy Who Jumped on Trains; The Tower Mountain; Singing Pines; About the Potatoes; The Wild Wind; The Magician and His Bees; Picture; Scrubby's Beautiful Tree; The Minstrel's Carol; Jack-in-the-Pulpit; For Very Little Folks; Young Contributors' Department; The Letter-Box; Book Notices; The Riddle-Box.