

There are 1,800 boys cared for by the New York Catholic Protectory at Westchester. Of these 150 are Hebrew and their rabbi comes once a week to hold service. It was the Protectory band of 100 pieces that led the inaugural parade of President Roosevelt, while the boys also have an orchestra of 80 pieces.

A new conventual foundation has been established in Dublin, Ireland, and its character invests it with a special interest. It is that of the Clare-Colletines, one of the most austere orders of the Church, whose new house is on the Simmonscourt road, Donnybrook.

Catholicism has spread during the past 100 years in Australia from a representation of a few score of members cast friendless on the shores of Port Jackson, to a membership of 1,100,000 souls, with 1,100 priests, directed by 36 bishops and archbishops including a Cardinal, with 1,000 parochial schools, 6,000 nuns and brothers, 400 colleges and high schools, over 100 charitable institutions and 1,800 churches.

Patrick Egan, was recently awarded \$25,000 as damages against The Sun (New York), which in September, 1902, printed letters impeaching Mr. Egan's integrity as treasurer of the Land League, and alleging that while Minister to Chili he almost brought on war between the South American nation and the United States to serve his personal interests.

Five Years Dyspepsia Cured.

"No one knows what I suffered from stomach trouble and dyspepsia," writes Mr. A. B. Agnew of Bridgewater. "For the last five years I have been unable to digest and assimilate food. I had no color, my strength ran down and I felt miserable and nervous all the time. I always had a heavy feeling after meals and was much troubled with dizziness and specks before my eyes. Dr. Hamilton's Pills were just what I needed. They have cured every symptom of my old trouble. My health is now all that can be desired." By all means use Dr. Hamilton's Pills; 25c. per box at all dealers.

LYCEUM NOTES

The St. Boniface and General Hospitals and St. Joseph's Orphanage were visited by committees from St. Mary's Lyceum on Christmas Eve. The young men visited their Catholic fellows in the sick wards in the hospitals and left generous donations of fruit.

There was a grin on the faces of the Hockey Club officers when Shea and O'Connell got out on the Auditorium ice at the practices. Both showed fine form and look like members of the league team. The practices are held on Wednesday and Friday nights.

The Lyceum orchestra has not yet missed a rehearsal since its organization and this week, while the other branches were taking a holiday rest, Conductor Stack and his players were found at their posts on Tuesday night.

Handball is the latest amusement to be added to the Lyceum's list. This popular and fast sport is being introduced by the gymnasium committee. Chairman McCarthy is busy getting the equipment prepared for use immediately after New Year's Day.

The emblem of the Lyceum has been finally adopted. It is the design of a member, Mr. Bromilow, consisting of a green maple leaf on which is inscribed a white Roman Cross. The pins are now being made by a local jeweller.

Sunday, Jan. 7, will be communion Sunday, when the Lyceum members will receive the Holy Sacrament in a body at St. Mary's Church.

There was no general meeting this week on account of the holidays, but the regular schedule for the meetings of the branches will be resumed in St. Mary's school after New Year's Day as follows:

Sunday afternoon—Informal meeting
Monday night—Gymnasium branch, 8 to 10 o'clock.

Tuesday night—Orchestral meeting, 8 to 10.

Wednesday night—Dramatic rehearsal, 8 to 10; Hockey at Auditorium, 10.15 to 11.15.

Thursday night—General meeting, with informal musical programme, readings, etc.

Friday night—Dramatic rehearsal, 8 to 10; Hockey at Auditorium, 10.15 to 11.15

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THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CROSS IN FRANCE

By Mr. C. R. Devlin, a Canadian
Member of the British House of
Commons

Written for the Lanarkshire (Scotland)
Catholic Herald

It is an undisputed fact that there has ever been a sympathetic feeling between Ireland and France. Is it because of past historic facts? But then Ireland gave more to France than ever she received in return. Irishmen shed their blood in defence of France, and more than one Irish name adorns the history of France. The Catholic Church is revered in Ireland, whereas in France the hand of the State is lifted in anger against all that we Irishmen hold dear and sacred. How, then, are we to understand the wonderful bond uniting the two nations? Is it because they have found in England a common and hereditary foe? Is it because the people of both countries have through long centuries remained faithful to the Catholic Church? You must look elsewhere for the true reason. The warm generous Celtic blood is the explanation which I venture to offer—and, in truth, in a variety of respects is there a remarkable similarity of traits in the ways and feelings of Irishmen and Frenchmen. It seems to have been born in us to love France, to look upon Frenchmen as more than friends—as brothers. We deplore as Catholics, and, let me add, as Irishmen, the sufferings inflicted upon our co-religionists; but it seems almost impossible that an Irishman should say a hard word where France is concerned. We hope that better days will come, that a more reasonable and generous spirit will yet prevail. We hope that our beloved Church has not yet lost her eldest daughter; that the land of St. Louis, and of so many Christian heroes, the home of Bossuet, Fenelon, Bourdaloue, Lacordaire, Chateaubriand, and countless other ornaments of Church and State will remain true to the traditions—noble, glorious and Catholic.

The Origin of the Enmity

The struggle of the forces making for infidelity against the Cross in France is one dating back two centuries. There have been moments of peace, but again passion would break out. In the days of the French Revolution it was thought that the Redeemer and the Cross had been banished for ever from France. The goddess of Reason was the religion selected. The fight is still on,

and will only end when the Cross triumphs. No other issue seems possible. A French statesman, in the course of a speech delivered at a banquet the other day affirmed that there was no desire on the part of the Government of which he was a member to hurt the religious rights of Catholics; that, as a matter of fact, their only object was to place the Catholic Church in France in exactly the same position which the Church occupied in the United States. There is absolutely no possible analogy in the two cases. The people of the United States cannot be claimed as a Catholic nation; France is. There never was a solemn treaty entered into between the Holy See and the United States; such a treaty was made between France and the Vatican, and now the French Government propose to end it. Washington would never dream of confiscating Church property; that seems to be the settled policy of the French Government. Not only is it odious to attempt to establish a comparison between the treatment extended to the Catholic Church by the American Republic and the conditions proposed to be established in France, but the spirit of toleration in the United States could well be copied in France.

The Robbers and their Spoil

When the proposed Separation Law comes into effect, will the Catholic Church buildings be the property of the State or of the Church? Will the State close Catholic churches? Will Cath-

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