WOMAN'S WORTH.

A PASSIONIST FATHER'S OPINION

WOMAN'S DRESS-WOMAN THE MINISTER OF LOVE, NOT OF JUSTICE-THE TRUE CHRISTIAN WOMAN.

Rev. Father Michael, C. P., the brilliant and eloquent Passionist missionary of Normandy, Mo., lectured on "Wom an's Worth" in St. Frances Scianus College Hall, Quiney, Ill. on Thursday, Dec. 19. After a brief introduction he spoke as follows: Religion has ever been the elevating and emobling agency that has lifted woman from the thraldom of paganism and the degradation of intidelity : making her the equal of man, his companion, not his slave. Wherever the Christian religion is found, there woman is her truest, her nablest, her best. Goold's Cross and Ballagh on Christmas Where religion does not permeate the nation and the individual, there woman is found in slavery and degradation. Civilization without religion, does not Francis Gogerty, high sheriff, returning elevate woman; it only li tsharfon dizzy. unnatural height, making of her a toy. The civilization of glasticatity is the one great changion of woman and the implacable for of her enemies

As to her personality, there is more to woman than the lover finds or the bachelor conceives: she may be a para- . disc or she may be grangatory, she may be come ound of liver and heart or short Dec. 30, by Mayor Meade. may be an angel, although without; feet so small that she scarce can walk It is in her physical, mental and moral attributes, that we, find the first are ments of women's true worth. A rese is not a filly normality a rose. A delicate reed is not intended to bear a heavy burden. In like manner it may safely be said that a worren is a woman and ner a man, and a worman she must rengin, i Any attenuat quelo reart to-bup the bare) rier of the sexes is as absurd as it is for a man to aspire to become womanish.

Father Michael mercilessly scored the 'new woman." And in so doing kept his audience in an uproar and cheited; pointed rate collector of Belfast, in sucthunders of appliause by his dashes of wit and scintiflations of merriment, because of ill-health, He characterized the discarding of the flowing skirt, which for more than two Magee, was sworn in a magistrate for thousand years has lent grace, dignity and charm to woman's form, as an oifence against artistic taste and refined moral sense. The good woman never finds the skirt an impediment and always finds it a protection. The new device is neither graceful nor comfortable. nor becoming, and what is still worse it is positively unchaste.

The woman who aspires to become mannish by donning man's apparel should think of a man becoming womanish-it would not be more absurd. He would begin with No. 3 shoes, banging bis hair and wearing twenty-five button gloves reaching up to his shoulders. "That man is a fool," everybody would say, and every woman would say.

If woman is to exercise the right of suffrage, she must share with man in | found her dead body. political office holding, with its burdens small and tender for the march; her was ordained last June. the musket; herear too sensitive for the month too delicate to litter words of stern command. Think of the spectacle of an army of 50.000 bloomers. "March-ing Through Georgia, Hurrah!"

Woman is the minister of love, not of justice, I would not want for my mother the woman who, arrayed in black cap and gown, sits upon the bench of justice and condemns the criminal to death. In politics, men are bad enough; for God's sake, keep women out. Wewant no Susan B. Anthonys, half women, half men. No man wants to marry a creature half woman, half policeman. A man wants for a wife a woman, not a soldier. Let things go on as some women would have them, and in a few years we will have nothing but a lot of autiquated maids and suicidal bachel-

Woman's sphere is more important than man's. Sae is the queen of the home, its ministering angel of love and sympathy and affection. Home, sweet home! the harbor in every storm, the solace of every woe; the balm of every wound. Home, sweet home! there is no place like home. It is in the home that woman's virtues shine sweet and brilliant. Here she shows herself great in affectiating suffering, and shows berselt greater in her fidelity to duty, to God and to man. She is the sun, the light, the fragrance, the poetry, and the music of life. She stands between the home and God, a priestess, and oftimes a willing sacrifice. Woman only can make a

A glance at the chief scenes in the drama of a woman's existence reveals her on the morning of her first Communion, when her pure, sinless soul embraces for the first time her God, her Redeemer. She is her mother's joy, her father's pride, his angel. The scene changes. She has grown to womanhood; perhaps she is adorned with what the world calls beauty of feature and grace of form. She stands before the nuptial altar, clad in spotless white, a wreath upon her smooth, hir brow. In these babiliments, the emblems of the innocence and purity that adorn her soul, she gives her hand, her heart, her love, her very life, to the man to whom she has chosen to be a faithful wife until death. Time passes and the curtain rises; we behold her in her home crowned with her final triumph-the dignity of motherhood.

The lecturer then drew a beautiful word picture of joys and the sublime office of the mother, and of the part she plays in making the world what it is

Continuing, he produced argument to show that woman, though she is charged with being vain, is in reality, no more addicted to this vice than man is, and that her vanity in our time is nothing compared with that of the woman of the putt. The Grecian Isdies, for example hal no less than 137 styles of arranging

beautiful apostrophe to Christian woman

in which Isabella of Castile, the great Catholic woman who gave us the continent under our feet, and the Blessed Virgin, the Immaculate Mother of God, were taken as the types of the true Christian woman. Woman's true worth is to be found in the greatest measure the nearer she approaches, not the beau ideal, but the bean real; as sister, sisterly; as wife, faithful; as mother, motherly; her home her world, her family her subjects ruled by love and tenderness.—Sunday Democrat.

IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

A handsome new alter has been creeted in Ballymacoda church.

The death is announced of the Rev. E. O'Brien, curate at Ballincollig.

Martin Brown, of Ballagh, was found drowned in a dyke of water between

James Gameou, a solicitor of Drogheda, and Dublin, has been appointed by officer for Drogheda.

James Murphy, son of the late James Morphy, of Armagh, has passed with borners the final examination at the Lon-

At Coolingshery, near Porneroy, on wing to fly-and for that matter with Dow, 27 Charles O'Neill, and eighty-

> The deaths are announced at Trim, of Anne remetof the late Thomas Conway; Dec mber 28 at Lagrewa, of Alice, only surviving daughter of Brief Farrell.

The people of Cashet have adopted at draft patition for presentation to the mon in connection with the proposed Government, praying for States and to project for the establishment of a baconconstruct a railway from Cashel to

James Baifour Hamilton, of the City Accountant's department, has been apcession to Francis Coates, who resigned

Thomas Milliken, or Loughead, Island County Antrim, on Dec. 30. Mr. Milliken will sit at the Petry Sessions for the Larne and Carrickfergus districts.

A corpenter named George F. Donaghy. of Dublin, aged forty-five years, fell down a stairway in the publichouse of Mr. Bolger on Christmas Eve, and received injuries which resulted in death.

The death occurred on Dec. 29, at Donamoyne, Carrickmacross, of Mrs. Mary Clarke, sister of the late Canon McMahon, pastor of Donamoyne, and mother of James Clarke, of the Hotel

Sarah Jane Foster, aged lifty-five, was in Cloues on Christmas Eve with a donkey and eart which were found at the canal store next morning. The Clones police dragged the Ulster canal and

and responsibilities. She must be police | Tui.viish, died, on Dec. 29, at Mayo- Ireland; that its people, when apman, sailor and soldier. Her physical briege, at the residence of his father, proached in a spirit of sympathetic inand moral attributes render her unlit for John O'Hare. Deputy Vice-Chairman quiry, and not in the temper of the drill any of these callings. Her feet are too Newry Board of Guardians. Deceased

hand too delicate and slender to grasp | Henry A. Cooper, J.P.,, of Cooper Hill. Judanstown, died saddenly on Dec. 20, a clash of arms; her eyes were never He was always on the best terms with instended to witness the cannon vonitinis tenants, although they were not very inference of the midnight sun. His ing forth its death dealing missiles; her mimerons. He was a justice of the ity—it this conviction was an illusion, shipmates were as ignorant as himself justice of the neace for County Meath.

A rain storm of exceptional violence passed over King's County, on Dec. 27, mumbating large tracts of land, and causing serious damage to property. Houses were aerooted, trees blown down, and ricks of bay and straw scattered

Mr. Hoan, erganist and professor of music at Carlow College, and organist of [Carlow Cathedral, was presented by the



Realthy Old Age

is the result of careful living. Keeping the blood pure and the body free from even minor alluments adds years of enjoy-ment to one's life. The trouble with most of us nowa-days is, that we live too rapidly. We are in such a hurry to go some place, or do some thing, that the care of our bodily health is wofully neglected. Nature never pardons neg-lect. Her laws must be respected, or pun-ishment ensues. A man may abuse his stomach for a

time, but after awhile dyspepsia comes and liver complaints and kidney troubles. These things develop all the latent weakness in his body. They make digestion imperfect, they prevent proper assimilation, proper secretion of the digestive fluids and the proper excretion of refuse matter. Probably the last is most important of all, for poisonous matter in bowels, liver and kidneys soon gets into the blood and so is carried all over the body. There is no telling where such things will stop.

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In the beginning, a little common sense and a simple, natural remedy is all that is and a simple, natural remedy is all that is needed. Even when the trouble has progressed to serious stages, a simple, scientific remedy working strongly with Nature—soothing, stimulating, invigorating, the organs of digestion, will have a wonderful effect on the whole body. There is really nothing wonderful about it. The blood is all made in the digestive organs. If they are healthy and strong, the blood is the same and it makes every part of the body strong.

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with a baton of ebony, mounted in silver, and bearing an appropriate inscription, on Dec. 29.

Richard George Carden, J.P., of Fishmoyne, Borrisoleigh, has been appointed a Deputy-Lieutement for County Tipperary, vice S. W. H. Barton, deceased, and Charles Neville Clarke, J.P., of Graguee Park, Holycross Thurles, a Deputy-Lieutenant, vice Sir James Spaight, de-

The Guardians of the Newry Union, on Dec. 28, elected a clerk in the room of Joseph Bell, resigned, at a salary of £250 a year. There were three candidates: W. R. Bell, assistant clerk, and son of the retiring clerk; Joseph J. Wauchope, master of the workhouse, and James Thompson. Mr. Bell was elected.

James Cannon, aged sixty-five, a Royal Irish Constabulary pensioner, and employed as a van driver by Levert Bros., of Dublin, when going to his van on Dec. 21, was knocked down by a passing vehicle. His right leg was broken, and the lett severely injured. He died in Mercer's Hospital on Christmas Day,

A flood has caused much, distress in Blackpool, and relief is being given the victims under the direction of the Mayor. Father McGrath, Admy, Father Magner, and a number of active volunteers, in The condition stone of the new Ear, J. Lucy, T. Hennessy, M.J. McMullen, Eye and Throat Hospital, to be creeted Barry C. Galvin, the Misses Meade, Mrs. McMullen and the Misses Wilson.

In the County Infirmary, Mullingar, on Dec. 28, a laborer named Richard Higgins, in the employ of James Cleary, tour, was found by his son dead in bad. P. L. G., of Cloghan, expired in great Heddied from heart disease. He had been training a young stallion, when the animal kicked him on the head. The force of the kick was so great the cocks of the shoe penetrated the skull to the depth of 11 inches.

Meetings are being head in Roscomcuring factory. It is proposed to work the establishment as in Denmark, on the co-operative system, which has been ound in connection with the bacon and butter industries to be of enormous benefit to all classes in that county.

BEAUTIFUL IRELAND.

Alfred Austin, the New Poet Laurente, Speaks of the Old Land.

Alfred Austin, the English poet, conributes to Blackwood's Magazine a delightful descriptive article entitled " lreland Revisited." About a year since ever touched upon in the daily lite of the there appeared from his pen an enthustastic account of a visit which Mr. to the reatm of the college professor or Austin had paid to Killarney and the that of his more advanced parties. When Kerry fiords, the beauty of which won therefore, we find a man in the ordinary him completely. His second visit won walks of life who has by some mysterihim over still more, and his account of it, words of praise coming from an English Tory, is well worth reproducing, "Well," he writes, "I have been to

Ireland a second time; and if the conviction that its mountains, lakes, rivers, bays, flords, are unsurpassed in picturesqueness and fascination; that its climate has all the charm of vernal The Rev. Hugh O'Hare, curate at eaprice, for spring never quite leaves sergeant, are singularly engaging, and that its ways, though in many respects not our ways, repose on

theory of life, a conception it is an illusion that has not been weakened, but confirmed by a second exsummer and autumn. On the former oceasion, I was for the most part in the south and southwest. On this I was produced was the same in both instances, and I own to being as much delighted Achill almost as much as with unequal-

"The civility and attention shown to travellers by the servants of English railway companies could not be surpassed; but while they seem to be performing it most circertuity, in Ireland a similar service appears as if it were an act of per-

In referring to the Irish inns, Mr. Austin says, good humoredly: "It is everybody's business to answer your bell -supposing there to be one-to clean your boots or to bring you hot water, and therefore it will sometimes happen that it is nobody's business. But you will never be wrong in asking anybody to do anything for you, and in time it will be done; and I can never understand why people who seem, in the course of the day, to have so much time on their hands, should be in such a burry to have their needs of the moment responded to. If honest joints properly cooked, plain puddings, stewed fruit, good bread, good butter, good bacon, eggs without stint, and tea made with boiling water, do not satisfy people's appetite, they had better not go for change of air and scene to the Twelve Pins. The water for their tub of a morning will be brought them in instalments; but it will be brought.'

Some delightful days were spent by Mr. Austin fishing on Lough Orid and Lough Inagh. For color in particular and cloud architecture he thinks Irish landscape unrivalled. Raphael's brush might, Mr. Austin is of opinion, catch a new tenderness from the "irridescent loveliness on the mountain brows of Connemara and the ocean fronts of Achill." With Irish rain Mr. Austin is more than satisfied, and thinks it is softer than rain elsewhere. "Irish weather," he writes, "is not so capri-cious as coquettish. It likes to plague you, if but to prepare you to enjoy the more its sunny, melting mood. It will weep and wail all night, and, lo! the next morning Ireland is one sweet smile, and seems to say, 'Is it raining I was yesterday? Ah, then, I'll rain no more' And the runnels leap and laugh, and the pastures and very stone walls

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male members of the Cathedral choir, glisten; the larks carol on their celestial | that Mr. Ryan has not only taken up a journey; there is a pungent, healthy smell of drying peat; the mountains are all dimpled with the joy of life and sun-shine; the lake lies perfectly still, content to reflect the over-hanging face of heaven; and just won't your honor buy the stoutest pair of home-made hose from a barefooted, bareheaded daughter of dethroned kings, with eyes like dewdrops and a voice that would charm the coin out of the most churlish purse. If. on such mornings as these, you do not lose your heart to Ireland, it must be made of stern, unimpressionable stuff in-

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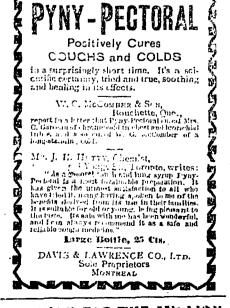
AN ABLE LECTURE BY MR. JOHN RYAN.

Viewed through the spectacles of the average dweller on this mundane sphere astronomy is not a particularly pleasant study. Most of us, no doubt, know fairly well that the sun gives light by day and the moon performs a like service at night, but our ideas regarding the relative positions of the planets, the distance of the earth from its nearest neighbor, the extent of our revolutions through space, and the thousand and one things which go to make up the studies of an astronomer, are very vague indeed. As a matter of fact the subject is scarcely average citzen, being relegated generally that of his more advanced pupils. When, walks of life who has by some mysteriours attraction been drawn to a study on the subject, we are very apt to applaud his interest though by no means likely to understand his motives. A case in point may be found right here in Brockville in the person of Mr. John Ryan, a well known Grand Trunk engine driver, who for many years has made astronomy his special study and whose spare moments are almost wholly devoted to the subject.

In a lecture delivered to a fair sized and very appreciative audience, in the opera house, Mr. Ryan told how he came to be interested in the subject. When a mere lad he followed the sea for a living and on a voyage to Archangel was much regarding the phenomenon, and he could gain no ideas from them, but from that perfence. Last year I visited Ireland in moment he decided to see what could be spring. This year I was there in late done in the way of nustering the subject. done in the way of mastering the subject. He was now willing to admit, after the lapse of many years, that he knew little more than when he first started in, a mostly in the northwest. But the effect statement prompted no doubt by the speaker's modesty, as he showed conclusively by presenting to his audience a with Connemara as with Killarney, with mass of interesting matter concerning a most interesting study.

After referring at the outset to the lives and labors of some of the most noted astronomers of the carry periods, including Copernicus, Keppler, Sir Isaac Newton and others, the speaker, by means of a number of very ingenious devices constructed by himself, proceeded to enlighten his audience upon some of the great problems which from earliest history have occupied the attention of many master minds. Lucid illustrations were given, by means of the appliances referred to, of the duration of spring, summer, autumn and winter, the 1896, the relation of Mars to this earth and other planets, total and partial eclipses, and much other interesting matter.

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great subject in a practical way and mastered many of its intricacies, but has likewise, by means of the devices introduced, contributed no small assistance to its study on the part of others .-- Brockville Exchange.

CONFESSION AND ITS INFLUENCE. RELAND'S HIGH MORALITY PARTLY DUE TO THIS SACRAMENT.

The anti-Cutholic monomaniae Fulton says the confessional is a fountain of

The Rev. Canon Humble, a Protestant clergyman, in the Church and the World,

"The high morality of Ireland is owing, in great part, to the habit of the people—Catholic—going to the contession, and the low tone of morals in Scotland is. I fear to be greatly attributed to the impossibility of having recourse to this sacramental ordinance."

Dr. Forbes, a Protestant and one of her Majesty's physicians, in his "Memorandums made in Ireland," says:

"The result of my inquiries is that whether right or wrong in a theological view, this instrument of confession is, among the frish of the bumbler classes, a direct preservative against certain

the confessional in Ireland and elsewhere, is the facility it affords for corrupting the female mind, and for its actually leading to such corruption. So far from such corruption resulting from the confessional, it is the general belief in Ireland, a belief expressed to me by many trustworthy men in all parts of the country, both by Protestants as well as Catholics, that the singular purity of female life among the lower classes there, is, in a considerable degree, owing to this very circumstance. With a view of testing, as far as practicable, the truth of the theory respecting the influence of confession on this branch of morals, I have obtained through the courtesy of the poor law commissioners, a return of the number of legitimate and illegitimate children in the workhouses of each of the four provinces of Ireland on a particular day. It is curious to remark now strikingly the results there conveyed correspond with the confession theory; the proportion of illegitimate children coinciding almost exactly with the proportion of the two religions in each province; being large where the Protestant element is large and small where it is

Another writer, Mr. William Gilbert, in an article on the Christian World, 1864, states that "While under the guidance of their priests Irish women as a class enjoy, and with justice, a respectability of conduct unsurpassed, if equaled, by any women in the world."-Pittsburg Catholic.



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Rev. L. A. Lambert was born in Cookstown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 11, 1835. His father came to America in 1811 from Enniscorthy, Wexford county. Ireland, in company with his uncle, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Lambert, second bishop of St. John's, Newfoundland. His mother, Lydia Jones, was of English descent, her ancestors coming to this country with the colony of William Penn. She was a member of the Society of Friends until her conversion to the

Catholic faith. In 1854 he began his classical studies at St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland county, Pa., and finished his ecclesiastical studies in the Archdiocesan seminary of St. Louis at Carondelet, Mo. In 1859 he was ordained a priest and was appointed assistant pastor of Cairo, Ill., from which place he attended the wants of the Catholics scattered through the southern tier of the counties bordering on the Ohio river and extending from the Mississippi to the Wabash. Shortly after Father Lambert was appointed pastor of the Cathedral at Alton. in the faithful discharge of his duties the war of the rebellion broke out and a commission was issued to him as chap-lain of the Eighteenth Regiment of Illinois Infantry Volunteers, to rank as

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Cincinnati, Onio, Jan. 1894.

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He is the greatest Catholic journalist in the United States. He founded the Catholic Times at Waterloo, N.Y., anable and fearless journal. Afterwards he edited the Catholic Times of Philadelphia, which was undoubtedly the greatest Catholic paper in the country under his control and which did not long survive him. His controversial works show the true greatness of the author. His mind is keen, his logic clear and his grasp of philosophy profound. May the veteran editor be long spared to the Church of which he is such an ornament. -The Monitor.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the above Society was held in their hall, on Wednesday evening. After dealing with the regular routine business, the officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: President, Ed. Quinn ; first vice-president, H. P. Sullivan; second vice-president, J. R. Orton; treasurer, Jos. J. Johnston; tirancial secretary, A. Thompson; assistant financial secretary, Jas. Walsh; re-cording secretary, J. Whitty; assistant recording secretary, J. Walsh; librarian, F. Hartford; assistant librarian, J. P. Burns; marshal, J. Burden; assistant marshal, J. Furlong; committee, T. M. Jones, J. Morgan, T. F. Sullivan, W. Quinn, Jas. Martin, T. Dillon, P. T.

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