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Supreme Pontiff has caused a circular note to be sent to the various tore Romano" printed what was obviously an official communication when the property of State. catholic Governments of Europe, owing to the change in the Italian throne, in which His Holiness declares that he renounces none of the Papal rights to Rome and to the provinces which formerly constituted the patrimony of Peter. The Holy Father also points out that since 1870 the condition of the Papacy under Italian rule has been steadily growing worse. Anti-derical sectaries have been able to vent their spite and malice on the Church and her highest officials, and that, too, with the connivance of the Italian Government. This state of things cannot be permitted to continue, so the Vicar of Christ invokes the assistance of all Catholic States towards relieving him from an intolerable situation. So long as Italy denies the rights of the Holy See, so long will the Pope regard her King not as the King of Italy, but merely as the supreme ruler of Sardinia. Catholics all the world over will pray earnestly that Victor Emmanuel III., of whose good disposition towards the Church no one can entertain any doubt, may see some way of coming to a satisfactory understanding with the Holy Father. Otherwise the future of Italy will be anything but as promising as her friends would wish to see it.

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—On last Sunday morning the Holy
Father received a deputation from his native town of Carpineto, priests, religious, and laity being represented. His Holiness enjoyed half an hour's conversation with his fellow-country religious, and laity being represented. His Holiness enjoyed half an hour's conversation with his fellow-country conversation with his fellow-country people, and was very much interested in the account of his birthplace. Graciously thanking the little company for their good wishes on his feast, the Holy Father bestowed on them the Apostolic Benediction. On Tuesday a deputation of the Association of the Teachers of the Elementary Schools of the Rhine and Westphalian provinces of Germany were received in private audience by His Holiness. All were permitted to kiss his hand and received his blessing.

"And it is a law of the Church,

THE HOLY FATHER TO THE CARDINAL-VICAR OF ROME.

NOTES FROM ROME.

MOVEMENTS OF THE KING.—
On Monday, the 3rd September, King
Victor Emmanuel reviewed the troops for the first time. Usually the reviews have taken place on Sunday or a holyday of obligation, making it very difficult for the solders to attend Mass.

On Thursday King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena left Rome for Naples en route for Capodamonte, where they will spend some months, and which is intended to become a permanent summer residence for Their Majesties.

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and form part of it. We wish, Lord Cardinal, counting We wish, Lord Cardinal, counting on your well-known and constant activity, that this salutary work, so adapted to the present need, may be sustained, reinforced, and propagated so as to constitute an efficacious defence and bulwark against the indicated peril. A constant and valid aid must be lent to it; in the first place, by the parochial clergy of Rome, that zealous, laborious, and modest clergy on whom devolves principally the care and responsibility of the salvation of souls: The Catholic laity of this city, always so ready to lend its intelligent and charitable assistance wherever the incharitable assistance wherever the interests of religion or the moral or material good of its neighbor require it, must also add vitality, force and extension. Let it be the care of all to confirm the character of the Catholic people, to inspire in them noble and holy sentiments, and to warn at the same time the incautious that under the harmless appearance of schools for boys, institutes for girls, classes for foreign languages, an in-

We trust therefore that none of the Romans, who are the most privileged children of the Catholic Church, will children of the Catholic Church, will ever, for any human interest what-soever, separate themselves from this most tender mother, who, having brought them forth to grace, has never ceased to surround them with her affectionate solicitude. We are also certain that those generous Catholics who have founded and promoted the aforesaid work of the preservation of the faith will give themselves neither truce nor rest while the eternal salvation of even one soul is in danger, thus showing in deed that if the enemies of religion are more powerful by abundance

yond the connes explored by the Roman eagles, saving letters, libraries, culture, and monuments, inspiring every order of science and art, coming to the aid of the weak, the poor, and oppressed with the generosity of affection and the magnanimity of sacrifice and of heroism.

## REV. DR. SHEEHAN'S ADDRESS.

ondary education to be there given would be sufficient, but there were others for whom it would not be—nor should it be—sufficient. There would be in that comparatively large and wealthy community children who in the natural course of things would expect when the education of a secondary school was complete to go on to the university and there crown the edifice and fit themselves for the positions in life which they would have to fill. This was done in other countries, and it could also be done in Ireland if the system were changed, but at present the doors of the university were closed against the Irish children as effectually as if they were double-locked and barred, as effectually as if no university that could be called a university existed for the general education. How long was this state of things to go on? Were they to travel forever through the desert with never a sight of the promised land? The Irish people paid their share of English taxation, and England should remember more than ever to-day that thousands of Irishmen had fought and died for her in distant lands. Irishmen had done their share—and more than their Elsewhere we comment editorially upon the recently expressed attitude of Leo XIII., in regard to the incursions of Protestantism into Rome. As the text of the Holy Fatner's letter, on this subject, to the Cardinal Vicar of Rome has come to hand, and as it is a document of major importance, we give it in full. The fellowing is the text of that letter—

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Recently the Most Rev. Dr. Sheehan blessed and opened a splendid new High School of the Christian Brothers in Clonmel, County Tipperary. In the course of a speech in reply to the address presented him, the learned Bishop said —

"Every occasion like the present more and more brought home to them the great injustice that the Catholics of Ireland labor under today, as they had labored for centuries in the denial of a proper system of university education (applause). Amongst those who would attend the new school there were doubtless many for whom the secondary education to be there given would be sufficient, but there were others for whom it would not be—

share—in every work of public utility to which they put their hands. They fought on distant battlefields, they fought on distant battlefields, the glought on distant battlefields, to supplie for more their blood and their lives to England, but they would east their blood and their lives to England, but they would east their blood and their lives to England, but they would east their blood and their lives to England, but they would east their blood and their lives to England, but they would east they fought on distant battlefields, and gave their blood and their lives to England, but they would east they fought on distant battlefields, and gave their blood and their lives to England, but they were denied a sum of money that would enable them to educate their children so that they might take their proper positions in the world (applause). Every hour that this injustice continued, and every advocate that they might take their proper positions in the world (applause). Every hour that this injustice continued, and every advocate that they m ilament before the measure of 1829 was passed. O'Connell might have entered and taken his seat before emancipation was passed, but he spurned the oath that he was asked to take. Catholics of the present day might enter the university and it sit down and acquire learning provided they did what O'Connell was asked to do and refused. Whatever is the future might be for them, it should be understood that they would never yield their rightful claims or one particle of the principles upon which they based them (applause). They asked for a Cafholic university that would be consistent with the principles of their faith. They had given up a great deal already; they had yielded by degrees much of what they justly a claimed fifty years ago, but they had given up a great deal already; they had yielded by degrees much of what they justly a claimed fifty years ago, but they had go described as "the straining point." I There they would take their stand, and the cry of Ireland would go forth until the wrong was righted (applause). In conclusion His Lordand hip imparted his benediction to those present, and the proceedings closed."

#### THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Judging by the tone of the following despatch from London, Eng., it would appear that there will be a campaign of several months yet in South Africa ere the day of peace will dawn. It runs thus:

General Botha's dogged retreat through the Lydenburg hills has Portuguese, East Africa, as its goal. The Dutch commander expects to fight the pursuing British troops for at least another three months, and then take his force, men and guss, over the Portuguese frontier. Once across the border he will allow himself to be disarmed by a neutral power, having vindicated his oath not to be captured by the soldiers of the Queen. Even then Boths does not intend to offer any spoils of war to the smanny. His army will be but a barren capture. The gunners of swery piece of artillery in his com-

### NOTES OF IRISH NEWS.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS. —The controversy over the public lighting of the city of Dublin has drawn a dignified protest from Mr. Michael Davitt. Writing to the "Freeman's Journal," he says, "Permit me as a friendly outsider to say that it is, in my humble judgment, a mistake to mix up personalities with issues which are of vital public interest. I am of opinion that the cause of municipal owhership is not helped by abuse of Mr. William Murphy. Itake it that Mr. Murphy is trying to do for the company of which he is the able chairman just what any other capitalist or business man would do in similar circumstances. This is not a crime. It is in accord with the universal commercial custom of our generation, and if Mr. Murphy has been successful in the application of his undoubted great business capacity here in Ireland he has only achieved that in our own poor country for the winning of which we are willing to praise Irishmen who have beaten competitors in richer and more progressive lands." Coming from an opponent of Mr. Murphy's, both in political and municipal matters, it is a protest which does in-

of the Intermediate Examinations this year, Master Thomas Rahily obtaining first place in the senior grade and the large gold medal attach?d to that distinction. He has also taken the gold medal for classics, first place in Celtic, and second place in French. No less than three exhibit. place in Celtic, and second place in French. No less than three exhibi-tions in this grade, out of a total of twenty, fell to Blackrock. First, third, and fourth places in English in the same grade are also won by Blackrock students, Austin Moran winning the gold medal for this im-portant subject. In the Middle Grade the results are enably good. the results are equally good — first place in Latin, Greek, French, and Italian, with the gold medal for mo-dern languages, four new exhibitions, nine retained exhibitions and eight

BOYS' BRIGADE. — The inauguration and coremony of the blassing of the colors of the Catholic Boys' Brigade took place in the Church of Our Lady of Refuge, Rathmines, recently. The boys, to the number of four hundred, paraded in the school grounds, where, prior to the chief ceremony, the decoration of the noncommissioned officers took place. Immediately after the boys marched, four abreast, to the chapel, the sides of which had already been filled by the numerous admirers of the brigade. The boys having taken their places the Very Rev. Canon Fricker ascended the pulpit, and the hymn "Veni Creator" was sung by the entire buttalion. The Rosary followed, and the Canon addressed the boys, and said they should all feel proud, for on that day they celebrated the feast of St. Joachim and the ninetieth anniversary of the name day of our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII...| and such an occasion was a fitting day to inaugurate and bless the colors of their brigade. Having fitting day to inaugurate and bless the colors of their brigade. Having fully explained the rules and objects, he paid a high compliment to the Rev. Father Dunne and the officers. He wished the brigade every success. The members having made their declarations and the total abstinence to the support of all classes. fitting day to inaugurate and bless

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BLACKROCK COLLEGE, Co. Dublin, has carried off the Blue Ribbon of the Intermediate Examinations

ABOUT BOYCOTTING. — The Most Rev. Dr. Clancy, Bishop of Elphin, has been giving some timeous counsel to his flock in respect of the growing tendency to glorify boycotting and to disregard religious precepts observable in some localities at the present time, says an Irish, exthe present time, says an Irish ex-change. One of the most fruitful sources of the evil, His Lordship points out, is the reading of novels and magazines wherein vice is often painted as something to be admired, and also the teachings of some news-paper politicians, in which uncharitpaper politicians, in which uncharitableness and vituperation are the prevailing features

#### STORY OF A CONVERSION.

The new church of St. Bernard, at Wabash, Ind., will be solemnly dedicated on Sunday, September 16, the feast of the Seven Dolors. The V. Rev. Administrator, Father Guendling, will officiate, and the sermon will be delivered by Rev. D. A. Clarke, of Holy Family Church, Colombus, where he had a charge in addition to the country mission, and thus lost sight of his young friend for several months. Shortly after his wature, he observed him at Mass one

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A few years ago in a little village in the diocese of Columbus, the Catholic members of the little mission church were frequently annoyed by the sarcastic remarks of a young man in the neighborhood who amused himself by laughing at the Catholic coremonies, and what he termed the "monkey-shines" of the priest at the altar. On the occasion of the dedication of the little church, the young man was present, out of mere curiosity. Bishop Watterson officiated and preached with his usual unction and eloquence a sermon on the "Real Presence." This made quite an impression on the scoffing young man, and when shortly after this he met the pastor of the church on the train, he took in good part the rebuke which the priest gave him with reference to his derisive remarks about the ceremonies. He admitted to the priest that he knew nothing of the meaning of the Church ceremonial or of Catholic doctrine, and said he would be glad to learn something about them. The priest gave him a concise statement of Catholic belief and practice, and in the conversation which ensued the young man stated that he thought he had a "vocation" for the ministry. The priest took issue with him on this, and said that was not possible, as young man hughingly agreed to call it a monitorial call the could not have a divine cull. to teach hereay. The young man hughingly agreed to call it a monitorial call it a monitorial call in the could not have a divine cull.

columbus, where he had a charge in addition to the country mission, and thus lost sight of his young friend for several months. Shortly after his return he observed him at Mass one morning, and in the interview which followed the priest learned with pleasure that the young man was ready for baptism. He also informed his clerical friend that he wished to become a priest; but the priest laughingly told him he had better wait until he was a Catholic.

However, after being received into the Church, his desire was still strong and in due course of time he was adopted as a seminarian by the Bishop of Ft. Wayne. He made his theological studies at St. Charles Seminary, in Maryland, St. Viateur's Ill., and at Mt. St. Mary's, Cincinnati, at which latter place he was ordained about five years ago. Upon the occasion of his ordination, his clerical friend, and the old gentleman who had been his sponsor at baptism, were present, and were the first to receive his blessing.

To-day a handsome church and school are monuments to the zeal of the young man who once laughed at the ceremonies of the little country church of St. Joseph in Licking County. The subject of this brief sketch is the Rev. Robert J. Pratt, now the estimable rector of the new St. Bernard's Church, and the priest, who in the providence of God was instrumental in bringing him into the true fold, is Rev. D. A. Clarke, of Holy Family, Church, who will on Sprambe 16 deliver the School and the press.