ROME

THE CATHOLIC PARTY IN · ROME. A meeting of the Catholic Municipal Party of Rome has given occasion to endless fanoyings and narrations of the Liberal newspapers of the city. It is not worth while to attempt to make a summary of these varying and contradictory accounts, but anyone who may have chanced to read them will soon discover in the real facts the means of controlling and correcting innecuracies, which are not only fingrant but fundamental, and which therefore vitiate the fantastic accounts in toto. The meeting was a numerous one. It was held at half-past five in the afternoon in the rooms of the Art and Crafts Society at Testa Spaccata. Its numerous participants represented all classes of society from the clergy dewnwards. Prayers having been recited according to custom, Count Santucci, the President of the Unione Romana, which is the Catholic organization for municipal elections (as also for provincial c'ections), read a morni report of the conduct of the party in the Capitoline Chamber, and naturally dwelt at length upon the recent crisis. He closed with an appeal for vulon in general on the ground that the fight might before long pass from the administrative to the social field, and that there would in that case be involved the most vital economic and moral interests of the ticipants represented all classes of conomic and moral interests of the people. The Municipal councillor Aureli explained in detail the action of himself as the representative of the party in the commission appointed to examine the designs for the monument on Plazza Terinini, which was the occasion of the crisis. Approval was given his speech. A discussion then commenced on the actif of the councillors belonging to the part. Count Gentiloni, who was supported by Comm Rugger. Comm. Pierconti, Count Sainnel, and others, proposed an order of the day appreving of the acti of the representatives, expressing confidence in them, and donfirming them in this trust. Sig. J. C. Benucel expressed regret that the councillors had not succeeded in obtaining more efficient reform of the regulation of secting religious instruction in civil schools. Cav. Persuchetti replied, setting forth the efforts made and the rensons standing in the way of success. Count Salimel, Professor Molalod, and Dr. Cozzi proposed that henceforward general and partial meetings of the Catholic electors should be held with greater frequency, so as thus to prepare the way to the creation of a proportionate representatives into more inmediate tous with the electors on all grave quency, so as thus to prepare the way to the creation of a proportionate representatives into more inmediate tous with the electors on all grave quentions. This view they set forth in an order of the day, which ended with a proposal for the distribution of the electoral body into groups of trades and professions. After a warm discussion the motion was rejected, and as there was not time for a continuance of the discussion. After a warm discussions of the day's meeting were heated at times will appear no more remarkable than that—if this be taken for granted—the representatives of the party should not have reaped continual successes in the hard fight at the capital. The struggle there and the censure at the facts, demonstrative of vitality and of strengous modernity But the oriticism was only partial, directing, as it the party of the Christian democratic idea, produce surprise, since at Rome, as clsewhere throughout the country, the Catholic party is displaying the greatest energy in the theoretic and also in the practal order combating the subversive tendencies of the day and hour. With regard to the bruited disorganization of the party which the anti-clerical newspapers of Rome have spoken of, as a fact, it is disavowed by the very minutes of the meeting in question, and, as a fear, it is warded off by the renown of the Catholic body for compactness under the leadership both of the deceased Count Vespignani and of his successor as President of the Uniona Remana, Count Santucci. Any element of disorder would be foreign, and would either disappear or undergo expulsion, gradual or speedy. But these remarks would be out of place in the case of such an organization in the papal city were it not for the exaggerations of enemies within the gates. e idea, produce surprise, since

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THE LATE RPINCE IMPERIAL

June 1st being the twenty-second ansiversary of the death of the Prince Imperial, Mass was offered for the repose of his soul by the Rev. Marker Boone, Rector of St. Mary's, Chistehurst, Kent, where there is a beautiful monument of the Prince erected by the former Rector, the Right Rev. Mgr. Goddard. Preaching on Sunday at St. Mary's, the Rev. Exther Callen, of St. Joseph's College, Mill Hill, referred in feeling terms to the Imperial family so intimately connected with Chislehurst, where with the Empress Eugene and the Prince Imperial he spent the closing hours of his life.

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Servatory. Few of the children were bloom. Servatory. Few of the children were bloom were without some bud or bloom. Many had posles, some carried baskets richly filled with lilled and in the rection of a splendid peal of belies and nature loss as a headdress. White flowers were marked in the crection of one of the finest organs to twenty the was said in Iroland; and a hive creation of the finest organs of the contrasting colors—lillacs and laburnums, geraniums and carly cornflowers. Some of the colors were more or the recton of one of the finest organs it was said in Iroland; and a hive rection of one of the finest organs of the was said in Iroland; and a hive recton of one of the finest organs of the colors were more or the color of the colors were more or the color of the colors were more or the color of the color

THE LATE LADY MARGARET HO WARD

Cardinal Vaughan has granted pormission to Lady Mary Howard to erect. a Roman Catholic church in Mile End road to the memory of her Mile End road to the memory of her sister, the late Lady Margaret Howard. The new building, it is estimated, will cost over £7,000, and will be a monument of the generosity and chartty of the into Lady Howard, who not only built a rextensive elementary school for 'file End, but also established a large settlement for the working girls of East London

### WESTMINSTER DIOCESE A circular letter on progress and needs in the diocese of Westminster,

by Cardinal Vaughan, was read in the churches. With respect to the in commence. With respect to the financial indebtedness of the diocese, it is stated that within the last two years an important scheme for the consolidation of the principal mission debts has been carried out "by making account of the constant of the constant of the constant of the carried out." ing exceptionally advantageous arrangements with one of the largest insurance companies in the kingdom, whereby the whole dobt may be automatically wheel out without adding a penny to the amount of interest hitherto due from the missions But it is obviously desirable that the missions should be relieved of their burden of annual interest by a much earlier date than that. And we trust that they will be so relieved by the adoption of a scheme now under consideration, which will attimudate or exception of a scheme now under consideration, which will attimudate or exception by holding out the prospect of special financial advantages to those who make the greatest exertion. What local and personal effort is capable of accomplishing may be seen by the fact that within the last 10 years over £30,000 have been collected in reduction of capital debt, and in this connection it is right that we should amme the late lamented rector of St. James', Spanish place (R.I.P.), the administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, and the rectors of St. Joseph's, Kingsland. So far, then, as the gradual liquidation of old liabilities is concerned, the matter is now thoroughly in land, and clergy and laity may take heart and look i rward with confidence to relief within a few years if moderate effort and zeal be not wanting on their part. On public elementary education £182,000 had bren spent, and the number of converts ranged annually from 12,000 to 16,000. In regard to the sale and demolition of St. Mary's, Moorfields, provision has been made for the mission, the cost of the site, and the contract for the new church and house being £45,000, while the capital sum has been funded to meet future repairs and provide an income for the maintenance of the clergy. The residue of the proceeds of the sale has been devoted to carrying out the other purpose for which St. Mary's was intended to serve, viz, that of a cathedral. The Westminster land has thus been freed of a heavy mortage, £20,000, with which it had been burdened from the beginning, a certain sion is next made to the necessity of public effort, especially in the East end. A collection was made yesterday for the Trinity Fund for now curches and missions at all the services.

### ST. WINEFI IDE'S WELL.

On Thursday if last week the shrine of St. Winefride was the scene of a most remarkable cure. A Mrs. Fenner, of 9 Forest street, Stretford Road, Manchester, arrived in

Fenner, of 0 Forest street, Stretford Road, Manchester, arrived in Holywell some few hours before noon, and returned home periectly rid of her infirmity.

For a period of about two years she had suffered acutely from deformed feet. Corns had grown on the soles of the feet, and in course of time the ankles became missinapon. Walking was a most painful task to her. She visited a professiona man in Chester road, Manchester, but found no respite in her suffering. Mrs Fenner, who is a Wesleyan, heard of St. Winefride's Well through her relatives, and hastened to Holywell as a last remedy. Before entering the well she spoke fervently of her faith in God and St. Winefride. She had no sooner touched the water with her feet than she cried out that she was healed. The amazed bystanders crowded around her, and praised God for His great mercy. All pain had vanished, for she could now walk with case. In the ovening she returned home full of gratitude, promising to become a Catholic, and, further, to dedicate her boy to the priesthood.

MANCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MANCHESTER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS "The Manchester Guardian," of Saturday, says:-The procession of Catholic schools in Manchester yes terday morning was like a beautiful lower festival. In Albert square the air was as fragrant as in a conservatory. Few of the children

the head of St. John's Cath dr. School, which arrived first and very punctually at half-past eight o'clock, there were little girls wearing white frocks and pale blue sashes, tad little boys wearing white tunies and white caps. St. Joseph's School sent its very little girls in four groups of colors,—blue, pink, green and mauve. The boys were white suits and yellow sashes. It was impossible to mark each arrival. From two sides of the square the stream of young folk poured in. First, there would be a cross-bearer and four acolytes wearing colored cassocks and white surplices. Then a band. Then the children, always beginning with those of smallest stature and sometimes ending with the adult members of various church communities. The assembling occupied an hour, and while waiting many anxious eyes were turned to the sky. There was cheerful blue to be seen at times, but occasionally the cun was ominously observed. Happily—except for the banner-bearers—the wind was high, and the rain held off. Occasionally a bright gleam of sunshine made brilliant the massed colors with which the square rapidly filled. At half-past nine a band played the tune for the hymn, "failth of Our Fathers," and the Rev. A. Poock nounted a ladder and waved a flag to mark time. He expected, with the compilers of the hymr, sung, but the disappointing experience of previous years was repeated, and to hear the words of the hymr sung, but the disappointing experi ace of previous years was repeated, and this one item of the program was unsatisfactorily performed. The Bishop of Salford afterwards gave a benealletion, and then the procession began. The route was along Mount street, Peter street, Dransgate, St. Mary's Gate, Market street, and Picendily, to the corner of Portland street. Everywhere the pavements were closely crowded with people, and the prettier features of the procession were often applauded.

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LETTERKENNY FETE. Speaking at the opening of the Let

terkenny F te, in aid of the new cathedral, the Most Rev Dr. O'Donnell wno was warmly applauded by a large assemblage, said that more than once before it fell to his lot to open a bazaar, but he never had the privilege of opening a bazaarette privinge of chemical branarector until that day (another.) They all knew that there was a sort of prejudice in that part of the country against such a thing as a bazaar. A bazaar was an oriential institution, and for a long time past the feeling was strong there in Letter-kenny and around the town that their institutions should be Irish as far as possible (hear, hear, and applicase). Hence in 1898 their great celebration was not called h bazaar—it was an Ennch—and when his lordship looked back to that time, notwithstanding the biting, wintry blast that all had to bear, and the constant driving sleet—when he looked bac to that time and thought of the richness of the stalls, the songs, the plays, the industries, the congress, and the bright and national tone of the concerts, and the character of the Fels and everything associated with it, it would be a great injustice to what that Enach really was to compare it with any bazaar held in the country (applause). It stood alone in its Irish claracter, in its spirit, and one of the proudest recollections of that time, besides recollections of the country were an exhibitive of good feeling and co-operation which they had any of the country were carnestly anxious and determined to de their part to bring the great work for which the Enach was organized to a glorious conclusion (applause). While later on his lordship was inclined now and again to ask some of those who had suffered most in the cold, wintry vecture of that time that it affected their health, the only reply that he got was that the Enach was repeated the later, if it were only to be a summer days (hear, hear). It spoke much for the lingenlousness of the ladies of Letterkenny that they had ag freed from anything unnative or uncongenial to this soil (applause). They owed credit to all the people of the diocese for the way in which; they had supported the great project of the cathedral, but on the present occasion he felt bound to say that ever since the onerous undertaking was started the indies of Leiterkenny were left to follow their own methods for helping the great eause, and nothing could exceed the wisdom, or the energy, or the persoverance that they had all round, and all all displayed (applause). His lordship was most grateful to them for that, and he trusted that when the bazariette had concluded its proceedings the result would be such as to gratify their fondest desires. It was something more than brave on the part of these ladies to have undertaken their fairs so near the opening, and he would tell them why. Anyone who knew the number of people who were engaged as contractors about this building for the last number of weeks would be &stonished how the ladies could find means and a place for nolding a festival like this. Men were engaged in the erection of one of the finest organs it was said in Ireland; and a hive of workmen, artists, soulptors, and others engaged at various places throughout the church. However, by using that gentle pressure which is conceded within the law the ladies made good their claim to a part of the building, and the beautiful display that met their eyes in that chapter room showed how admirably they had succeeded (applause).

"IRELAND AND THE ISLE OF MAN"

A very remarkable booklet has just | Main

Doughas; revised and enlarged by the Most Rev. Dr. Donnelly. Bishop of Canea. From the dual authorship of two such eminent scholars a good deal might be expected, but we may safely say the interest and charm that attaches to the little book leave nothing to be desired. As the title suggests, the pamphlet is an historical skotch, dealing with the connection that existed for close on a thousand years between Ireland and the mid-channel island.

The portion of the book dealing with the vicisitudes of the Church of Man, after the religious upleaval of the sixteenth century, is said; interesting. It is an appalling chapter However, in the sequence of this beautiful historical sketch it is somewhat consoling when we are told the renewed lamp of faith is once more set aflame in the Isle of Man by an Irish missionary—Father Gahan, a Jesuit—in the earlier quarter of the contury just ended. The story of his life and labors is beautifully told, and has an increased interest rom the event il details of his missionary life before he commenced his apparentation among the Catholic inhabitants of the Isle of Man and Laneashire, and scarcely less will be the interest of its readers from Ireland who sometimes visit the island. For the intter it will be a revelation to know that every acre of the Holiday Island is stamped with some of the most scarced memories of Ireland and its early saints. The Catholic Truth Societ has done oxcellemity in including this adm rably compiled little book in its historical series. Works of the kind are most desirable, supplying, in inany cases, incidents of history quite unknown to the bulk of Irish readers.

### SCOTLAND

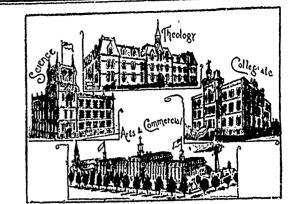
STATISTICS OF CRIME.

The annual report of the Prison Commissioners for Scotland states that the number of committals to prison during the past year were considerably above the average, being 60,500; allowing for re-committals the number of persons notually imprisoned was 41:600, so that one person in each 100 'n Scotland has enjoyed the pleasure of his Majesty's hosptinity. According to the usun proportion there are in Scotland about 200,000 families, so that one family in every twenty-two has had one member imprisoned. Scotland is a Protestant nation, of the unadulterated Calvinistic type, and apologists of the worldly prosperity argists of the worldly prosperity argument are fond of pointing to it as a proof of what Protestantism can do for a people. Will they accept the facts and figures of the Prison Commissioners' report as further proof? We doubt it. These Protestant apologists prefer more or less doubtful "facts" dug from the byeways of obscure foreign literature, "facts" so cunningly corked as to make either proof or disproof difficult. We have had sent us a letter issued by one of these imaginative statisticians, in which the opinion of M. E. About, a policeman, and Napoleon III. as recorded in 1800, are given regarding the presumed Protestant province of Alsace. No doubt the three genti men named were, like Roland's horse, possessed of many excellent quadruped, they hober under the serious defect of being dead. There is no need to go wandering afield into what somebody said sometime or other half a century ago regarding some place a thousand miles away. There are sufficient facts and figures regarding our awn country to satisfy all requirements. gument are fond of pointing to it as ing our own country to satisfy all requirements.

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