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Notes.

According to *Punch*, speculation is at an end as to who shall be the next Pope. "There can no longer be any doubt of it," it says, "the next Pope must be Mr. Stead of the *P. M. G.* What title will he assume? Pope Linus was the immediate successor of St. Peter, so Mr. Stead, on the strength of his "Letters from the Vatican," might appropriately style himself Pope Penny-a-Linus."

Speaking of *Punch*, it is noticeable how many exquisitely delicate little Catholic touches one comes upon from time to time in its columns. The reason of it is simple. Its clever editor, Mr. Burnand, happens to be a staunch Catholic. Take, for instance, the following tender paragraph which appears over the well known initials, F. C. B., in a late number—a few simple words in kindly memory of the late Mr. Frederick Clay, the composer, and a Catholic, if we mistake not, like Mr. Burnand:

"Poor dear Freddy Clay! No common Clay! Gone from us last week after seven years of suffering. His disposition was as sweet as were his melodies. He had collected about him a band of devoted friends, nothing false or discordant ever fell from his lips, or from his pen, he never made an enemy, and lived in harmony with all who knew him, for all who knew him loved him. I know him well. *Requiescat.*"

THE REVIEW published in a late number the views of Father Edward, the Chancellor of the archdiocese of Montreal, upon the question of annexation. In the course of his statement he said, "There is not an archbishop, bishop, or priest in all the Province of Quebec in favour of annexing Canada to the United States and I do not believe the idea is even thought of by my fussy-countrymen—the French-Canadians of Quebec." We commend these words to our

excellent contemporary the *New York Freeman's Journal*, which publishes almost every week some flap-doodle and spread eagles about the Catholic sentiment in this country being strong for annexation. We are glad that others of our American contemporaries take the true view of the Canadian position. "In the matter of education or freedom of conscience," says the *Catholic Columbian*, "the Catholics of Canada enjoy a religious liberty that leaves nothing to be desired. From that point of view what could they gain by avouring annexation?"

"Whilst it would be unfair," says the *Church News* of Washington, speaking of the street assault upon Archbishop Walsh, "to hold Protestantism responsible for such outrages against decency, we cannot forget that the teaching of a certain class of individuals who, for the sake of notoriety are constantly abusing the Pope and the Church, is responsible for thus turning men into brutes and for bringing disgrace upon an entire community. If they would denounce lawlessness and mob rule, in place of repeating what they know to be false concerning the Church, scenes like that at Toronto would be unheard of. We have a few of these unprincipled libelers in the United States. Fortunately, the majority of our non-Catholic people are fair-minded and too deeply attached to the principles of religious liberty to give them any more encouragement than to occasionally purchase a copy of their infamous publications."

The verdict in the Cronin case looks like a failure of justice. The public of America are plainly disappointed. The finding of the jury is at once inconsistent and illogical. Each of the defendants was charged with conspiracy to murder. The penalty of that crime is death. If they were innocent of the charge, they deserved acquittal. If guilty, they deserved the gallows. The same justice should have been meted out to them as was meted out to the Chicago Anarchists. Murder clubs like the *Clan na-Gael* and the Anarchists are not to be handled too nicely. "A secret political organization," says the *New York Herald*, "that seeks to import into this country fouds of foreign origin; that asserts jurisdiction over the lives of American citizens; that holds assassination among the penalties which it assumes to inflict upon any person it may choose to punish; that does not hesitate to issue an edict for the 'removal' of any one it may consider an offender; that selects and sends forth the assassins to do the damnable business—such an organization is a foe to civilized government and society to be stamped out of existence. When its members or emissaries resort to assassination they deserve the just fate of assassins—death on the gibbet."