

ROBBING IRELAND.

THE SCANDALOUS INJUSTICE OF ENGLISH MISGOVERNMENT.

IRISH HAS BEEN FINANCIALLY "SWEATED" FOR THE BENEFIT OF ENGLAND—TAXATION HAS INCREASED AT A STARTLING RATE—

A question connected with Ireland, which must arise almost immediately—probably in the next budget—is that of its financial relations to Great Britain.

Prior to Ireland being incorporated in the union, says Reynolds' Newspaper, the burden of England's foreign policy fell on England alone.

EFFECTUALLY KILLED THE MANUFACTURE of those articles in Ireland, as at a previous period the prohibition, by English acts of Parliament, of the Irish shipping and woolen industries wiped out these sources of industry and income.

As if this were not enough, England in her treatment of Ireland has refused to allow her to remedy the maladministration of her local rates.

As three-fourths of the taxation of Ireland falls upon the agricultural classes, and as Ireland depends for her existence upon agriculture, it is obvious that in any scheme of the government for the relief of agricultural depression Ireland must first be considered.

TO THE SHAME OF WEALTHY ENGLAND be it said that she extracts from Ireland one-third of her taxable income, while imposing on Great Britain only one-ninth of hers.

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stand melancholy skeletons, reminding the people of their doom under the heel of the ruthless all-grabber.

bery with violence. What wonder if Ireland is constantly calling for vengeance and retribution on the heads of the criminals.

Let us hope that the election of Mr. Dillon to the chairmanship of the Irish party will mark a new era in the history of the sister island.—The Republic.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT MONTREAL COLLEGE.

Never in the history of Montreal College was the feast of Ireland's Patron celebrated in a more becoming manner than it was to-day.

The piece as a whole is difficult, and considering the time taken to prepare it (about four weeks) it was extremely well rendered.

Frederick, a Law Student.....J. J. Sheehan Mr. Martin, his Father.....R. H. Daly Angelo, his brother.....Geo. F. Headen

It would take too much time and space to go into details and cite all those who deserve commendation.



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glass. The condition of all the body is written in the face. Thousands of women are dragging out a weary, miserable existence, because they do not fully realize what is the matter with them.

A great many women knowingly neglect themselves, because they dread the telling of their troubles to a physician and the subsequent examination and "local treatment."

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father. It was a very difficult part, but Mr. Sheehan succeeded in holding the audience spell-bound during the few moments that the scene lasted.

Mr. Daly, too, as "Mr. Martin," deserves particular mention. His acting in the scene just mentioned contributed greatly to its impressiveness, and all through he carried out his part with a naturalness and ease wonderful in an amateur.

The villain is always the all-important feature of the modern drama, and certainly in the present case, no better choice could have been made than that of Mr. M. J. Woodcock, to fill the part of "Tightlist."

Messrs. Blain, Carroll, Faucher and Headen also filled their respective parts with credit, as did, in fact, all.

There is one more feature, however, that we must mention whilst offering our hearty thanks and congratulations to all those concerned.

We cannot close without a word of congratulation to the gentlemen of the orchestra. Never before was the band in such a flourishing condition.

The "Prodigal Law Student" is altogether a modern drama; all the personages are real, and the incidents are based on an episode of contemporary American history.

THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

ITS UTILITY IN CANADA—AN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF ITS BEING LEARNED—ENGLISH NOT ALONE SUFFICIENT.

The Star of last Wednesday contained the following leader. We reproduce it for the benefit of any of our readers who may not have read our editorial on the same subject on the occasion of the St. Jean Baptiste celebration in 1893.

"Every Canadian is born heir to two languages—the tongue of Shakespeare and the tongue of Moliere. Unfortunately, very many of us never claim our full heritage.

"It might have so happened in the shaking of the dice box of events that Canada would have found herself the possessor of two languages, and but one literature.

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live a lifetime within a block of pure French and never learn to do more than exchange the civilities of life in French with a disguising accent that would puzzle the detective of fiction.

"Politically it would pay the English-speaking Canadians to learn French. Then we should far better understand the motives that sway our compatriots, and the barrier that difference of language always erects between two peoples would be largely torn away.

It is probably not an exaggeration to say that the English-speaking Canadian who is equipping himself for life can in no other way obtain so much valuable knowledge for the same expenditure of energy as by taking the time to thoroughly learn the French language."

THE CLOCK OF TIME.

PUT IN ORDER FOR ALL AGES BY POPE GREGORY.

BIGOTRY FORCED TO YIELD TO COMMON SENSE—WHY 1900 WILL NOT BE A LEAP YEAR.

Not one of the least remarkable features of the coming century year is that it leaves those unhappy mortals to whom something happened on February 29 without their anniversary for eight years, for the year 1900 will not be a leap year.

Centuries are so long that men and women forget that the regulation of our calendar requires every hundredth year—although divisible by four—not to be a leap year.

EARLY METHODS OF COMPUTING TIME.

The primeval system of reckoning time was based on the moon's changes, as is shown in our word "months." By the ruling of the moon, months were reckoned with either twenty-nine or thirty days.

JEWISH, GREEK AND ROMAN SYSTEMS.

The Jews reckoned their years as composed of twelve lunar months of twenty-nine and thirty days alternately, and the discrepancy which resulted was relieved by the occasional introduction of a thirteenth month.

"IMMORTELLES OF CATHOLIC COLUMBIAN LITERATURE."

From St. Teresa's Ursuline Convent, 137-139 Henry Street, New York City, we received the following circular, which explains itself.—We have completed a work designed as a supplementary Reader, entitled "Immortelles of Catholic Columbian Literature," consisting of biographical sketches of very many of the Catholic women writers of America, with selections, in prose and verse, from their writings; making a veritable manual of literature.

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ber of days to the month, and his calendar, as a whole, was so excellent and its errors were so slight that it was generally adopted.

AN ERROR OF TEN DAYS.

Until the year 1582 A.D. no change was made in it, but by that time the eleven minutes and ten seconds of error in each year had grown to ten complete days. As a result the time of Easter, and all the movable feasts of the Church, which are reckoned from it, were thrown out of the proper order.

ENGLAND ELEVEN DAYS OUT BEFORE THE POPE'S CALENDAR WAS ADOPTED.

Italy, Spain and Portugal unhesitatingly adopted the new style, France made the change in the same year, in December, instead of October, as did also the Low Countries.

A COLLISION

IN WHICH THE SALUTATION "DOMINUS VOBISCU" WAS MISUNDERSTOOD.

"Dominus vobiscum," said an athletic but absent-minded priest who collided with a big Westerner on a St. Louis street the day after Kansas had declared for McKinley, filling the man of the plains with joy and mixed drinks.

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