

OUR "RELIGIOUS" COLUMN.

In 1836, when the Grande Ligne Mission was established for the conversion of French Roman Catholics, there was not upon the American continent, as far as known, a single French Canadian who had renounced Romanism.

Gladstone once wrote: "No more cunning plot was ever devised against freedom, the happiness and the virtue of mankind, than Romanism." What will he write next?

Petitions against the Home Rule Bill presented to House of Commons up to 15th May, 1893.—Petitions, 3,254; signatures, 1,007,793. Scarcely 100 people have as yet petitioned in its favor.

There is no man living a greater authority on prison life and discipline than Mr. Chas. Cook, who has obtained access to nearly all the prisons of the world, and who is at present on a lecturing tour in Scotland.

The Irish Times reports numerous instances of Romish attempts at persecution in those districts of Ireland where Protestants are in a minority. In one case a lady returning from a prayer meeting had the Bible knocked out of her hand by a crowd of roughs, the leader of the gang remarking, "Wait till we get Home Rule, then you won't be allowed to read that book."

Everybody has heard of Monte Carlo, the notorious gambling den of Europe. But only a few know that Monaco, in which it is situated, is the most Roman Catholic spot in the whole of Europe. It is full of Jesuits, secular priests, monks and nuns.

Miss M. F. Cusack, the Nun of Kenmare, has not only written many books of a high order on different phases of Romanism, but she has been equally active on the lecture platform in England for the last two years. She has done good work in warning the English people against Rome's political designs, which are as aggressive there as they are in this country.

Now that Lord R. Churchill has called attention to the utterances of Cardinal Logue it may be hoped that they will receive the attention they deserve. Cardinal Logue is described as a "moderate man," selected by the Pope on that account for performance to the Cardinalate in preference to Archbishop Walsh, and "supposed to be in very close and friendly connection with the Holy See."

The recent robbery of valuable church ornaments, gold vessels, etc., from the famous Tchoodova monastery on the anniversary of the Czar's coronation, when the articles were used at the anniversary ceremony, has led to the discovery of a disgraceful state of affairs at the monastery. The police, suspecting that the monks were implicated in the robbery, searched the monastery, and found nearly all the stolen property hidden in the monks' cells.

Winks: "See that fellow on a bicycle—all doubled up like a jack-knife. Jinks: "Yes, he's on pleasure bent."

CO-OPERATIVE CONGRESS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BRISTOL, ENGLAND.

The Congress met at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association Bristol, England; 700 delegates were present in addition to a number of ladies. Councillor George Hawkins, Oxford, chairman of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, London branch, presided.

The President, in his inaugural address, reviewed the present position of the co-operative movement, with special reference to the condition of co-operation in London, the extension of the Wholesale and Co-operative Union in South Wales, and the consideration of the wider application of co-operative training. The giant strides the movement was making were evidenced by the fact that their yearly turnover exceeded £50,000,000, that their membership amounted to 1,750,000, representing a sixth of the population of Great Britain, that they owned £12,000,000 of money, and were putting into the pockets of their people £4,000,000 or £5,000,000, of profits every year that would, without the agency of the store, be lost to them.

The president was on the motion of Mr. A. Deans (Woolwich), seconded by Mr. A. Percival (Failsforth), and supported by Mr. Mesnell (Edinburgh), heartily thanked for his address.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

It is stated that the date of the Royal wedding has been finally fixed for noon on Thursday, July 5. The ceremony will take place at the Chapel Royal, St. James.

At the Preston Town Council meeting a letter was received from the Countess of Sefton in reference to a joint wedding present from the counties of England to H. R. H. the Duke of York and the Princess May. The matter was referred to a special committee the Mayor remarking that Preston would not wish to be behind on such an interesting occasion.

It is stated that Lady Wolverton has decided to give Princess May her residence at Coombe Warren, Kingston Hill, as a wedding gift. The place is held on a long lease by Lady Wolverton of the Duke of Cambridge, who owns the freehold, and it is said his Royal Highness will make over the property entirely to the royal couple. Coombe Warren covers a considerable area, and enjoys a lovely prospect, overlooking Kingston Vale and Wimbledon Common.

A county meeting was held at Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, for the purpose of presenting a national gift from the people of Wales to his Royal Highness the Duke of York and the Princess May, upon their approaching marriage. The High Sheriff moved: "That this meeting desires to express its hearty sympathy with the proposed national presentation to his Royal Highness the Duke of York and the Princess May upon the occasion of their approaching marriage, and that subscriptions for this purpose be solicited from the inhabitants of the county."

Captain Mytton seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. It was agreed that the maximum subscription be two guineas; that Mr. G. D. Harrison be appointed secretary, and that an executive and local district committees be appointed.

At the meeting of the Crewe Town Council a letter was read from the Duchess of Westminster inviting the co-operation of Crewe in promoting a wedding present to the Duke of York and Princess May on their approaching marriage. The Mayor said he should be glad to receive and forward subscriptions to the Duchess of Westminster. On the proposition of Alderman McNeil it was decided to present a congratulatory address to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the forthcoming marriage.

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Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned.

JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary. Grand Secretary's Office, Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, April 1st, 1892.

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