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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

MORE PROTESTS.—There are a number of Protestant Ministerial As-MORE PROTESTS.—There are a sociations in England and throughout the Empire, who are petitioning the members of the Imperial Parlia-NEW BOOK ON IRELAND. ment to vote against the Bill for the The Right Honorable Sir Horace Plunkett, K.C.V.O., F.R.S., has writremoval of Roman Catholic disabiliand has entitled it: ties. They have sent circulars to "Ireland in the New Century." As all the members of the House, except a member of the Government and the Catholics. They set forth that while yet in office, it seems. if this Bill becomes law, and all the least, questionable taste on his part to come before the public with a voldisabilities be removed from the Caume concerning the working of his tholics, the throne of Great Britain own department. One would naturwould be in great danger; for such ally suppose that he would have left would make it possible for a Cathosuch work to outsiders, or else that he would have awaited the time lic to sit upon the throne of Great when, free from office, he could speak Britain. What a fearfully elastic imagination the man, or woman, without there existing any suspicion of his partiality or of ulterior have, who can conjura up so mosuch far-off possibilities, and use tives. In his days of rambling over them as arguments in favor of keep-America, he imagined that he had ing a vast section of the Empire's learned a great deal about the Irish best subjects perpetually under people and the Irish problem; and shadow of an ostracism that is both since he has become a member the Administration he certainly has unjust and humiliating. Yet we are taken upon himself to astonish not the least surprised at this. Like the the obselete and now ridiculous Coworld with theories suitable to his own purposes. The fact that no constituency in Ireland would reronation oath, like all the bug-aboos that A.P.A.'s invented in Ameturn Sir Horace to Parliament is, in rica, like all the terrors created at one time by the mere mention of the itself, sufficient evidence that he is name Jesuit, and like all the menaces by no means a friend of Ireland. But attributed to the Catholic Churchhis pamphlet is certainly one of the most able pieces of political sophall which have long since been explodd-this fear of a Catholic ever seizistry that has appeared in many ing upon the throne, seems to come long years. Before touching upon the cold and critical, not to say adfrom minds that are fevered verse, reception which this new vol-ume met with at the hands of the prejudice and distorted with bigotry Time was when the same reasons were invoked against the opening to Irish press, we will take the liberty of quoting from an elaborate appre-Catholics of preferment in the legal profession; yet we have seen the scat ciation of it that appeared in a leadof Chief Justice of England held by a ing secular magazine, from the pen of a writer named Filson Young. This Mr. Young goes into transports of Catholic, and the world did not cease to revolve on its axis, nor did the onstitution or laws of Great Britain delight over Sir Horace's newly discovered means of making Ireland in any way suffer-quite the contrahappy and prosperous, which is by These holy members of so-called Christian organizations seem to treat "making headway against the weakness of the Irish character —a weak-ness which Sir Horace attributes to the matter the same as they would the unchaining of a menageria 'a paralysis of our activities in the past.'" We will begin with Mr. wild beasts-giving liberty to caged tigers. In the latter case there We will begin with Plunkett's own defamation of the would be almost a certainty that the liberated animals would do some da-Irish Catholic clergy, before coming mage; in the former there is not to his ultimate and expressed object remotest chance of the unshackl- of subordinating all religion ed Catholics committing any act cal- temporal or State purposes. to sulated to deprive the throne of its legitimate possessor. Still the spirit . . . would seem to be the and even learned, and in many cases quote Mr. Plunkett: amiable men, say to themselves "Let us not remove all the chains -

"No reader of this book will accuse me of attaching too little weight to the influence of historical causes on the present state, social, economical and political, of Ireland, but even when I have given full consideration influences I still think that, with their unquestioned authority in religion, and their almost equally undisputed influence in education, the Roman Catholic ctergy cannot be exonerated from some responsibility in regard to Irish character as we find it to-day. Are they, I would ask, satisfied with this character? I cannot think so. The in-partial observer will, I fear, find amongst a majority of our people, a striking absence of self-reliance and moral courage; an entire lack of serious thought on public questions; serious thought on public questions:
a listlessness and apathy in regard
to economic improvement which
amount to a form of fatalism; and,
in backward districts, a survival of
superstition, which saps all strength
of will and purpose—and all this, too,
amongst a people singularly gifted by
nature with good qualities of mind
and heart."

A MORAL REFORM. - Not satis-

moral nation. It may be thought that we are prejudiced, but we are not. If the following does not mean the abandonment of morality, which has been the glory of Ireland, and of Church in Ireland, then we do not know what it means:

tholic clergy for what he does

"I would ask," he says, "whether the evolution (of chaste habit) has the Irish character." not reached a stage where a gradual relaxation of the disciplinary measures by which chastity is insured might be safely allowed without any danger of lowering the high standard of continence which is general Ireland, and which, of course, it is of supreme importance to maintain. .

. The evil of grafting upon secular life a quasi-monasticism which, ernment, of which he is a member, not being voluntary, has no real effect upon character, may perhaps involve moral consequences little dream ed of by the spiritual guardians of the people. A study of the pathology of the emotions might throw doubt upon the safety of enforced asceticism when unaccompanied by the training which the Church wisely prescribes for those who take the vow of celibacy."

at LESS OF FUTURE LIFE. - Mr. Plunkett claims that the time has come when the less important life of the future, of which we know nothing should not be made an essential aim of the Irish, but they should taught to lay aside all that for the consideration of their material interests in the world in which they live. And Mr. Young agrees with him. He says that "Religion, Celticism and Economic Prosperity are, in their essence, mutually antagonistic. Two out of these three ideals, it seems to me, must ultimately go. And the two that must go are ligion (meaning Catholicity) and Celticism (meaning Irish national sentiment): These two must go to make way for the new era of Prosperity" that Sir Horace Plunkett is to bring to Ireland. And he imagines that the Irish are fools, or he would not dream of wiping out their Faith and their national spirit to make way for the realization of his Utopia. We use this remark advisedly. He not only imagines they are fools, but he squarely says that they are mentally unbalanced. "Whatever impression I may succeed making upon others," he says, "I may state here that, as the result of observation and reflection, the conclusion has been forced upon me that the Irish mind is suffering from considerable functional derangement, but not, so far as I can discern,

of

from any organic disease." Mr. Young adds: "This is the basis of an optimism which is one of the most stimulating qualities in Sir Horace Plunkett's book." If so we have no need of going any further in the ana-The basis of the whole scheme is to wipe out individualism and create co-operative working; under the dictation, of course, of Sir Horace and the British Government; to wipe THE CATHOLIC CLERGY. — We pirations. Cromwell tried the same with cannon and sword; Plunkett tries it with pamphlet and diplomacy.

> NO HOME RULE- Now, there is to be no Home Rule in this scheme: here is how Mr. Young calls attention to this feature in the book:

"Mere academic political discussion has, however, no place in Sir Horace Plunkett's view of Ireland. It is sig nificant that in his book such matters as Home Rule and the new Land Act are dealt with in a very pages. A book about Ireland, and nothing about Home Rule? It seems miraculous, but it is simply com-mon-sense. Home Rule does not matter for the present. The nation is in an exhausted condition, and Home Rule would not save it. Home Rule Would not change the Irish mind or the Irish character; that problem would still remain. Land Acts will not help it; they are useful and necessary, but they are details. So that those of us who take the new view of Ireland need not be divided on the question of Home Rule; it becomes a secondary question as to which difference of opinion is not a source of vital division."

Here is the language in which Sir

fied with casting blame on the Ca-Horace disposes of the real grand entering upon successful careers in not relish in Irish character, he thinks it

Irish issue:

"As I come into closer touch with and other cities of Canada. is time for Ireland to step down the efforts which are now being made from her high pre-eminence as a to raise the material condition of the to raise the material condition of the people, the more convinced I become. much as my practical training has made me resist the conviction, that the Irish question is, in its most difficult and most important aspects, the problem of the Irish mind, and that the solution of this problem to be found in the strengthening of

> So he means to undermine the religious influence of the Catholic clergy; to lower the standard of morals; to make the Irish feel that they are not sane in mind or fit for selfgovernment, in character, and to elaborate a delightful scheme whereby Liene Rule may be shelved, and in the Sanctuary were noticed: Rev. Sir Horace Plunkett and the Govmay rule the race according to their

"HERE AND NOW." -Sir Horace has learned, so he says, from experience that as individuals Irishmen are not sufficiently free from "functional derangement" to be trusted, so he will substitute a plan of "economic association," and he means to begin at once. Now Mr. Young is joyed, as his closing words show, at the prospect. He thus ends his praise for Sir Horace's plan :

"Here and now- these are Horace Plunkett's watchwords for the application of Irish energy. Not beyond the skies, not across the water, but here; not yesterday or tomorrow, not when some private political differences shall have been settled, but now. Not against land, but for ourselves; not with the aid of the latest pattern of political machine, but with our own hands not with our armour on, but with and on arrival of the Boston exour coats off."

No, "not beyond the skies" -what is the same destructive spirit that speaks; it spoke in France, it spoke elses be. It thundered in Ireland's ear through the trumpet of Penal Laws; but it failed to uproot the Faith, to corrupt the morals, to efface the Celticism of the Irish race. It is surely not reserved for Sir Horace Plunkett to carry out successfully what generations of persecution could not accomplish.

We have not studied this book from the exact same standpoint as did the Irish press; we have dealt more with the audacious plan of breaking the spears and smashing the shields of Irish nationhood, while pretending to be drafting a plan for the amelioration of Ireland's condition. But we will come back to it next week, and bring before our readers the views of the Irish and Catholic press regarding it.

RECENT DEATHS.

MR. PATRICK McCAFFREY. -On Mr. Patrick McCaffrey, one of the R.I.P. eers of Irish emigration to anada, took place from his late residence on St. Edward street to St. Patrick's Church, the foundations of which he beheld laid more than half a century ago, and of the congregation of which he has ever since been a loyal and practical member ..

Mr. McCaffery was born in the parish of Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh, sixty-seven years ago, and ere he had passed the first bright years of boyhood came to Canada. nearly thirty years he occupied the important position of Superintendent of the manufacturing department of sition of Superintendent Mullarkey & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, of Montreal.

In Irish national affairs he was prominent worker in days when only men of strong convictions and cour were to be found in the ranks of such an organization as Home Rule would not save it. Home the Home Rule League, of which the

various walls of endeavors in this

A widow, five sons and four daughters survive him. His sons, Peter F. William J., Edward, Thomas J., and Joseph hold important positions in commercial life, and are esteemed by a wide circle of friends in classes of the communities in which they live. The daughters are Mrs. Charles J. Breen, Miss Alice, Frances and Laura.

At the Church the remains were re ceived at the main entrance by Rev Martin Callaghan, P.P., Rev. Peter Heffernan was the celebrant of the solemn Requiem Mass. He was assisted by Rev. Fathers Killoran and Polan, who acted as deacon and subdeacon. In the stalls of the clergy Dr. Luke Callaghan; Rev. Isidore Kavanagh, S.J., Rev. Robert E. Callahan, and others.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. J. A. Fowler, was assisted by leading soloists of all the choirs of the various Irish parishes of Montreal, and their rendering of the choral service was most impressive.

In the funeral cortege were noticed citizens of different creeds, representatives of the Bench, Bar, medical profession, commercial and industrial life and the leaders in Irish national societies of Montreal. The interment took place at Cote des Neiges Cemeterv. R.I.P.

MR. TIMOTHY J. DONOVAN, JR. -Mr. Timothy J. Donovan, Jr., eldest son of our esteemed co-religionist Mr. T. J. Donovan, died at Peabody, Mass., on Sunday last quite unexpectedly. For nearly twenty years he had been a resident of that city, where he was engaged in the leather business. He was unmarried. The remains were brought to Montreal, press at the C. P. R. depot, were met by a large concourse of citizens, who accompanied them to St. Anthony's Church, where a High Mass of Requiem was sung. The regular choir of the Church was reinforced by members of other choirs as a tribute of sympathy for the sister of the deceased, who is the teemed and talented organist of St. Anthony's. The interment took place at Cote des Neiges Cemetery. R.I.P.

MRS. MICHAEL DALTON. - A kindly soul passed to her reward this week in the person of Margaret Dalton, widow of Michael Dalton. aunt of Rev. Father Holland, C.SS. R., St. Ann's Church. Deceased was a native of Newfoundland, and came to Montreal in 1867. She was connected with various parish societies The funeral was held on Wednesday morning to St. Ann's Church, where Rev. Father Holland officiated at a Requiem Mass. The chief mourners were the three suns of deceased, John, Thomas and Bernard; nephews, Rev. Father Holland, Geo. P. Holland, John T. Holland, Robert F. Holland, and William A. Holland; and brother-in-law, James Dalton. The remains were transferred to Cote Wednesday morning the funeral of des Neiges Cemetery for interment.

THE S. A. A. A.

The annual meeting of the S.A.A. A, on Monday evening was attended by a large number of members, and much interest was manifested in the proceedings. Veteran officers, such as Mr. J. B. I. Flynn, Edward Halley, J. P. Clarke, Tobias Butler and others delivered speeches during the course of the evening.

Mr. Harry J. Trihey was deservedly selected as the first occupant of the new office of Honorary President, very wisely made an elective office Mr. Trihey, since his association with Irish athletics, has been a tower of strength as a player and executive officer. The following gentlemen were elected directors, as representatives of the Association: Messrs. W. J. Hiniphy, H. Hoobin, W. P. Kearney, A, McGarr and P. Kenehan.

The reports of different officers, ed in our issue of last week, were adopted.

Mr. William J. Hiniphy occupied

Mr. William J. Hiniphy occupied the chair and made an admirable presiding officer, while Mr. William P. Lunny, the efficient secretary-treasurer, acted as secretary. Bright prospects for the season seemed to be the prevailing opinion at the meeting.

I AM ARISEN.

It is with great pleasure that we publish at this happy Easter time the following poem in blank verse. It is a simple recital of the great event of the Resurrection; yet in that very simplicity is its beauty.

Behold, the dawn breaks o'er the sleeping world; Still hush'd and silent in serene re-

pose. As o'er the lonely hills with sorrows bow'd.

Two weaping hearts to the sepulcher go,
With herbs and spices of aroma sweet

To 'oint the sacred body of their Lord.

But hark! what is this rolling sound they hear; This sudden quaking of the stricken

earth: As from the heav'n of heav'n, with lightning flash,

An angel of the Mighty One descends, The guards to earth fall low, with mortal fear. As rolling back the stone with thun-

der bolt, In raiments white and dignity serene, Sits waiting for the belov'd of his Lord.

Fear not, fair women, said he, for I know You seek the Christ of mercy and of

love: He is arisen, he's not here, behold The empty tomb wherein His glory

Go quickly forth onto the Galilee And to His chosen ones the tidings spread:

For lo! Him shall you see, in glories bright; The Jesus of your sorrows and your

The golden sun in splendor now has ris'n.

Gilding the earth with streams of fluid gold; And sweet enchanting strains of bird and brook,

Were wafted on the gentle winds along; And pure and clear was the balmy

spring air. As on the road to Galilee they went, With hope and joy, aburning in their

"Mary, do you know me?" a sweet voice said

At her elbow, and turning she beheld Her love, with mercy and compassion sweet, And glory and immortal radiance

Enwrapt His sacred form with beauty divine: And falling prostrate at His sacred

'My Lord, my love, my joy, can'st it be thou !" 'It is I, for behold, I am arisen."

CLARA BEATRICE SENECAL, St. John's, P.Q.

FROM VALLEYFIELD

(By a Subscriber.)

Valleyfield, March 28.

During the past week a mission was held in the Chapel of the Convent of the Nuns of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, for English-speaking tholics. Rev. D. Holland, C.SS.R., of St. Ann's parish, Montreal, conducted the exercises. His Lordship Bishop Emard, who takes a deep interest not alone in the spiritual but in the temporal welfare of the English-speaking section of his flock, and particularly Irish Catholics, was present at the closing exercises on Palm Sunday and officiated at the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Rev. Father Holland is to be gratulated on the success of the mis-