THE BLACK HAND.

first and then prayers ') but with an un-broken fast—at 4 or 5 or 6 a. m., when Protestants are snor-ing in their beds. Cheerfully the people respond and Scotch folk would be astonished if they beheld the numbers who morning after morn-ing, without any obligations but purely out of devotion, begin the day with Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament. At midday the Angelus bell peals forth through streets and hills and valleys In the afternoon there is a constant stream of visitors to the Blessed Sacra-Reports from Italy bring the news of another Socialistic uprising in that country. The revolt is said to have been stirred up by the worst class of citizens, who are eager to have a free hand to pillage the property of the

As it has been only a couple of years As it has been only a couple of years since the Italian Government bought off the last strike threatened by the labor leaders, the present uprising proves that there is something radiproves that there is something rad-cally wrong with Italian legislation. And the countless number of Italian emigrants who are leaving the land of their birth and day after day coming to our own country confirms us in the belief that all is not so well in United belief that all is not so well in United Italy as the secular press and ministers of state would have us think. The government of Italy and the govern ment of France are alike in so many ways that we are led to surmise a strong sympathy dictates the policies that are sympathy dictates the policies that are responsible for like effects. Both g.v-ernments are bitterly anti-clerical, though the people of both countries are nominally Catholic; both governments are socialistic; both are tyrannical; and both are tyrannical;

and both are thoroughly Masonic. Freemasonry is undoubtedly the guiding star of all legislation that has guiding star of all registration that has been enacted by both governments. And herein lies the explanation of all that has come to pass. The revolutions and seditions that have kept both coun-tries in a state of terror these hundred verse in a state of terror takes made certain in the lodges a long time before. It was a mighty work for the lodges, that of overturning the established order of things and passing their heroes into the chairs of monarchs and sovereigns. But so well was the scheme hatched and so faithfully has it been carried out that success has come sconer and casier than was expected. Kings have been humiliated, but that was only in order that the lodges might move into power to carry out their main purpose, which is to squeeze out the Church and Church dignitaries who are influential among the people. Religious have been banished from their countries; for wh and so faithfully has it been carried out priests and clergy have been hampered or forbidden to exercise their sacred ministry; and the education of youth has been turned over to the mercies of the lodger. All s now e dy for de-Christianizing the world. The next generation will be pretty well de re-ligionized and the generation after it

will be thoroughly so. A deeper significance, therefore, attaches itself to the school question than lots of easy-going people imagine. If the education of youth were not the most serious thing on earth, the govern-ments of the world on the one hand, and the Church on the other, would never have waged so relentless a war for the control of it. There has been for the control of it. There has been much oratory upon the subject and patriotism has always been the shib-boleth by which unthinking people have been caught unawares. But the real issue has been Christ, His ideals, His divinity, His love and His kingdom against the devil and all his works and pomps.

No wonder, then, that confusion has becone the condition of the day. Order is heaven's first law and confusion is the devil's watchword. Mur der and rapine were brought into the world by the serpent when he taught Eve to disobey the command of God and told her that she would thereby know the science of good or evil. The devil is ruling, therefore, in Italy and France.

The only difference between the two The only difference between the two governments is that France has more money and allows the lawless classes more liberty; so the people of France stay at home while the Italians bundle up their earthly possessions and come to America.—Providence Visitor.

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IRISH WOMEN.

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JUST ONE.

A reverend contributor to a contem-porary tells a little incident which carries a lesson for many well-meaning

In Central Park, one day last summer,

I was looking at a beautiful flowering

Through long, long years a prayer arose each day To Him who answereth each pure request; But no bright message came. "He knoweth best! The heart cried out-but hopeful lips would pray. And nurmur at the strange and long delay. Without that gift. Infe never could be bleat! Desming of it the heart was happiest! S ill, out of Heaven came no answering ray.

BY L F MURPHY.

Through long, long years a prayer arose each

The years field on - a heart at last forgot a picadi g pray'r that Heaven answered not-Diviner gife came streaming from above In tender token of the Father's love. One day a soul, remembering, looked to Heaven. And thanked its God for what He had not given! stream of visitors to the Blessed Sacra

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

ment, some remaining for long periods of time, so sweet do they find it to be in the presence of their Saviour. "At the corner of almost every street a little shrine is fixed, from which some holy face looks down near street a little shrine is inted, from which some holy face looks down upon you as you pass. On the country roads you suddenly find yourself kneel-ing before a wayside Crucik or Shrine of our Ble sed Lady in the fields and on DEDICATIO I OF A CHURCH AT WEST LORN the hillsides you hear the pious work-ers singing their sweet and simple ers singing their sweet and simple hymns to Mary; and even the little children run up and take yute hand and beg a holy picture or a rosary in a way that is not to be resisted. "These are but samples to show how be described on the samples to show how natural and simple and unaffected Cath-olics are in practicing their religion.

ones are in practicing their religion. I am not copying this from a guide-book, but writing what I know and have seen myself. They do not put on long faces and a special black suit and look preternaturally solemn on one day out of seven. They live in constant remembrance of their religion - and by

remembrance of their religion; and by over-recurring fast and festival, by

Sundary Sapt 15 was a red letter day in the hishey of London and numerous clergy having its parise church, blessing the new ball and hold og confirmation. The eilarged and re-modelied church has been beaulified within and without, and can comfortably eval three bundred church has been beaulified within and hich ick. The formor has been beaulified the probability of the former has built a new church at Wallacctorm, but causes and creeds. During new but and make church pracitably a new structure is and hiel rick. The order has now made the Hi-mark church pracitably a new structure of the former has a structure of the struc-bases and creeds. During new structure of the structure of the structure of the mark church pracitably a new structure of the structure of the structure of the mark church pracitably a new structure of the structure of the structure of the mark of the structure of the structure of the structure of the structure of the mark of the structure of the structure of the structure of the structure of the mark of the structure of the structure of the structure of the Real Presence of the structure of the Real Presence of the Holy Encharist. After investight grand down in the succurse of the structure of the Real Presence of the Holy Encharist. After investight grand the structure of the holy Encharist. After investight grand the structure of the the structure of the Bealed filler opps and eleven grils. The Bealed structure of the investight grand the structure of the the structure of the Bealed filler opps and eleven grils. The Bealed structure of the the structure of the structure of the the structure of the Bealed filler opps and eleven grils. The Bealed structure of the investight grand the structure of the investig grand is the structure of the structure of the structure of the Holy Encharist at the order of the structure of the the structure of the structure of the Holy Encharist at the structure of the structure of the Holy Encharist at the structure of the structure of the horder of the struct ever-recurring fast and festival, by rosaries, scapulars, crucifixes, medals, and the Agnus Dei, it is kept before their minds and eyes." If the best of Catholics to the manner born were to be thrust into the darkness and bar-reness of Protestantism or unbelief for a brief period they would love their religion more than they do, be more faithful in practicing, it and more zeal-ous for its propagation. We hope that Reviewing S'r Horace Plunkett's book on "Ireland in the New Century" a Dublin paper, the Leader, noting the author's eulogistic remarks on the chastity of Irish women, "almost the entire credit" of which is assigned to the Catholic clergy, quotes the following tribute to the same influence paid by the historian Fronde in a lecture in the historian Froude in a lecture in the historian Fronde in a feeture in New York city in 1872 : "I do not question the enormous power for good which has been exer cised in Ireland by the modern Catholic priest. Ireland is one of the poorest coun-tries in Europe, yet there is less theft, less cheating, less house breaking, less robbery of all kinds than in any country of the same size in the civilized world. In the last hundred years impurity has been almost unknown in Ireland. This acter almost unknown in Ireland. This absence of vulgar crime, and this ex-ceptional delicacy and modesty of char-acter are due, to their everlasting honor, to the influence of the Catholic elegent "

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obliged to some degree at least to utter words of eulogy and admiration instead

Windsor. The examiners at London were, Rev. George R. Northgraves, and at Windsor, Rev. Michael Fergusen, O. S. B. His Lordship, the Right Rav. F. P. McEvay, Bishop of London presided on both occasions.

DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS. It is with deep regret for the loss of a noble life and profound veneration for the admirable gualities which sance. Each of the admirable gualities which sance. Each of Mother M de-Sales, Superioress of the Urauline Convent. Muskegon, witch. Although the decaasd re-ligious had been in frail health for some lime, her death was most unexpected. She had been able to abtend to her customary duies until the evening of Thursday, the 22d ult, when she was colliged to yield under the grow-ing indications of a severe malacy. Her ill ress made rapid progress, and though every procurable ald was summand to arreet the matter was calling His servant home. Death her addy on Statuday morning, closing one of the mest beautiful and heroic lives that have illuminated the religious state in cur-wing and sales whose matal name was 天後 G IS RA A Construction of the second LIMITED

THE CATHOLIG RECORD THE UNANSWERED PRAYER

touching upon the great sacrifices of the relig-ious life and the incomparable reward which requites them in the future world. Herpike most elequenity of the devoted life and ex-emplary virtues of the decessed. The funeral correct then proceeded to St. Mary's com-tery, where the flash cerem miss and intermet took place.

tery, where the mast certain the should the term rook place. The deceased will be tenderly monroed in Conada by her rister-tellgrous of the Urguline Monsavery, Chatham, and by a host of friends who held her in high esterm before her re moval to Muskiggon. Of her own family ther are but two surviving mombars, her sister, Miss Isabeila McDancell, Seaforth, and her brother. Augustine McDancell. Chatham, Unt.

A Useful Society.

A Useful Society. On Tuesday evening last, a meeting of the young min of St Francis parish. Toronto was held for the purpose of arganizing the St. Fran-ris Literary and A heldelt Association. The object of the new association is the pron ofton of the religious, moral and physical welfare of the members and in fact all the young men of the members and in fact all the young men of priest is hearity in symmach, with the move-ment and has been elected Spiri val Direcor, The offlows elected are as follows: Presi-dent. J. O Byrne : lat V.ce-Precident. W. O'Brien and Vice-Precident. W. Briak: Exa-entry Committee A. Downelly, G. O'L sary, R. Power, P. O Byrne J. J. Wright The young men of the chur the are cordially invited o juin the association.

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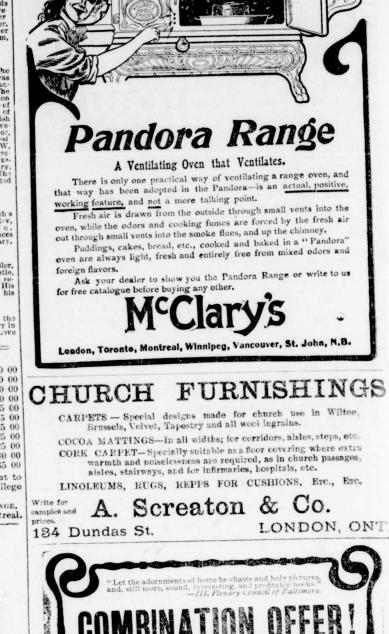
MARRIED. FITZGERALD O LEARY. - At St. Joseth's Churce Dource on Spiembar 25 h by Rev, Father Kellty, P. P., Charles Fitzgerald E q. of Granbruck, B. C., to Miss Emma Frances O Leary. eidest daughter of Daniel O'Leary, E q. "Riverside," Oconable.

FERSONAL — Mr. Gorge Palton, joweller, who has been in the employ of P. Birtwistle, Eq. for the past twenty four years, has re-signed his position owing to ill-bealth. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his speedy recovery.

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shrub. While I looked, a well-dressed, nicegraph, but read it without knowing who was the writer of it, guessing as somely gowned woman drew near the somely gowned woman drew near the tree and paused to admire it. After a moment the man broke off a branch of you go along to what century he be-longed :

There are many things which most blossoms and handed them to the lady. She took the flowers deprecatingly, I thought, and I heard her say, "You justly hold me within the bosom of the justly hold me within the bosom of the Church: the unanimity of peoples and nations; authority begun by miracles, nourished by hope, increased by charity, and confirmed by antiquity; the suc-cession of priests retains mo in the Church's bosom, coming down as it does from the very See of the Apostle Peter, to mhem the Lord antrusted His sheep ought not to break the bark rules." His reply was, "One branch will make no difference."

I strolled along beside them, thinking about the philosophy wrapped up in the little scene, when, hearing a boyish shout behind, I turned and to whom the Lord entrusted His sheep to whom the Lord entrusted his succep to be fed; in fine, the very name of "Catholic" holds, me of which not without reason the Church in the midst of so many heresies has looked back.

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A group of boys had been playing ball near the flowering tree, and had never thought of breaking branches from it until they saw the old gentle-man's example. But he was not one obtained possession in such a manner that, while all heretics wish to be called Catholics, nevertheless not one hundred yards away before half a dozen boys were at the tree breaking down branches, until in five minutes it was a of these heretics would dare to point out his own conventicle or meeting house to any strarger who inquired ruined and ugly wreck.

I walked along, thinking to myself that this is the way anarchists are made. Respectable, well-bred people break the law in little things when it pleases them, and forget the multitude that, looking on, break the law when it pleases them until the land is filled with awlessness and riot.

A CONVERT'S IMPRESSION.

Augustine (b. 354, d. 430) (Lib. Contra. Enis. Fund. c. 4).—Irish Monthly,

where was the Catholic Church. Has not this a wonderfully modern ound? Yet it was written by St.

March, 1904.

The readers of the Glasgow Observer STORIES OF CARDINAL WISEMAN. are being favored nowadays with a noteworthy series of articles bearing the general title "A Convert's First Impressions." More interesting and readable matter than is furnished by reactable matter than is furnished by this particular convert's experience on joining the Church we have not met with in a long while. In the latest issue of the Observer, the writer dis-cusses the spontaneity and naturalness of Catholic piety, and illustrates his point by many a graphic picture— among others, the following: "Go to Ireland (and a more Catholic nation does not exist on the face of the earth), and there you see how simply and naturally the people practice their religion. There is an casy, unconven

religion. There is an easy, unconventional style about the whole thing which is truly edifying. Not one morning, but is truty entrying. Not one morning, out seven mornings in the week, whether in crowded eities or quiet villages, the church bell summons the faithful to Mass and Holy Communion-not after a ample breakfast of ham and eggs (accord-ing to the principle of that typical Presbyterian, Dr. Guthrie: 'porridge' pless your Imminsity !''

Gentleness, benevolence, hospitality, were among his (Cardinal Wiseman's) notable characteristics. None could tell a story better than he. One day when the Cardinal had had some choice when the Cardinal had had some endote plants on the table, someone ventured to ask their names. "I'm afraid I can't tell you," said the Cardinal. "I am sometimes as much puzzled by bot-anical nomenclature as the old lady who said she couldn't be bothered to remember all the long Latin names; the only two she had ever been able to vertain were Aurora Borealis and delir-

etain were Aurora Borealis and delir ium tremens." He used to relate with amusement

and satisfaction how, on his last visit to Ireland, he had been characteristic-ally_welcomed by a ragged native. As soon as he had set foot on Irish ground this warm-hearted fellow pushed his way through the crowd, and, falling on his knees before him, seized his hand, at the same time exclaiming : "Now

