CATHOLIC MILLIONAIRE

Whose Benefactions And Charities Have Been Many And Great.

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The assertion is often heard that the it began the manufacture of the goods joys; and unquestionably the assertion is exceptions to every rule, and the forcgoing assertion should not, and does not, make American Catholics forgetful of, or ungrateful for the many benefactions religious, charitable and educational un-

Prominent among such benefactors of institutions and charities already exceed the sum of a million dollars, and still continue. Indeed, to fix the exact everybody is acquainted with his more thousands of dollars have been distributed by him in that way, whereof the public knows nothing. His generosity is not of the sort that seeks for notoriety, and while, naturally, his largest gitts have found their way toward the sup port of Catholic undertakings, his public spiritedness has made him a contributor to many other movements; and race or creed count for nothing with him whenever want or misery appeals for aid.

Joseph Banigan was born at Glenmore, Tre., June 7, 1839, and his childhood up to his sixth year was passed in his native place. Then his parents went to Dundee, in Scotland, where they remained until 1847, when they crossed the Atlantic and settled at Providence, R I. The future millionaire went to the public schools of that city for a short while, but soon sought and obtained employment in the shops of the New England Screw Company, one of the largest manufactories in Providence. That industry not proving congenial to him, he afterwards became an appren tice to a manufacturing jeweler, and worked as such up to his 21st year Then the business in which he has since made his great fortune attracted his attention, and he began the man facture, in a small way, of rubber bottle stoppers. the factory being located in the suburbs of Beston and the office fixed in that city. Out of this undertaking came the well known Goodyear Rubber Company, of which Mr. Banigan was made the manager, and with which he remained connected up to 1866, when, being then but 27 years of age, he was chosen, he-

manufactories of the country.

Catholic Church in this country is in | he was appointed superintendent buyer debted more to its poorer than to its alesman, and under his able and skilful management the business of the wealthier members for the prosperity company grew to enormous proportions, and possessions which it at present en- necessitating the erection year after year of new mills, the addition of new machinery and labor-saving appliances; in a large measure true. Still there are while it was admitted on all sides that the company's factories which were located at Milleville, N. J., contiguous to Woonsocket, R. I., were model shops, wherein the help were treated with every consideration and strict fairness. At the which those of their co religionists who outset of his connection with this comhave been blessed with ampler portions | pany Mr. Banigan resided at Woonof this world's goods than fall to the lot | sicket; but later on he removed, for of average mortals, have conferred upon | business reasons, to Providence, taking the church or dispensed in behalf of its up his residence in St. Joseph's parish, on the East side. A practical Catholic niways, he is a conspicuous and regular attendant, when at home, at High Mass the American Catholic church merits to every Sunday, occupying a front pew in the Poor a magnificent establishment, be mentioned Mr. Joseph Banigan of the broad sists with his family, and Providence, R. I., whose gifts to Catholic | whenever special collections are taken up, the bill which he puts in the contribittion box is always one of a large denomination. Mr Bunigan's residence, amount of this generous Catholic mil | built of late years, is one of the finest, if lionaire's contributious to Catholic not the very finest, of the many splendid enterprises is an impossibility, for while mansions that adorn the east side of Providence; but its owner is averse to munificent donations, such as his gifts display and prefers to dispense his hos to the Catholic University in the dio pitality unostentationaly. He has been cese of Providence, he has always been married twice; his first wife, who was fond of doing good secretly, and many the daughter of Mr. John F. Holt, of



MR. JOSEPH BANIGAN.

Woonsocket, bore him four children, two sons, now associated with their father in business, and two daughters, now happily married. His present wife, Miss University, sharing that honor with Mr. Maria T. Conway, of New York, before Thomas E. Waccanian of Washington. her marriage, vies with her husband in Thomas E. Waggaman of Washington, benevolence and charity.

cause of his thorough knowledge of the Rubber King, is universally recognized considered to day one of the wealthiest business and his large administrative as being one of the ablest men in his men in Providence, where millionaires abilities, to organize the Woonsreket line of business in the country. His are not by any means few; and those Rubber Company, which was destined knowledge of rubber manufacture is who stand near him say that he con to become one of the largest rubber practical and thorough, and it is said siders the money he gives away thus his As organizer of the country.

As organizer of the company Mr. Ban
that he is the only manufacturer who very hest investments, for it always realized the advantages to be gained by seems to come back to him with comigan succeeded so admirably, that when lyoing in person to Brazil and seeing for pound interest.

himself how the crude material was gathered and sold there. While in South America he established a house for his firm at Para, in Brazil, and for many years past he has had the reputation of being the largest individual importer of rubber in the United States. When the rubber trust was formed be became one of its chief officers; but the methods of the trust not being to his liking, he sold out his intersts therein, and has since started independent factories of his own at Olneyville, in Providence, a move which was anything but pleasing to the rubber trust. He is interested in many other business enterprises, moreover, be ing an executive or director in half a dezen different companies; and a magnificent ten story building used for busi ness purposes, and standing on one of the principal business streets of Providence, bears his name.

WHEN wealth began to come to him, as the result of his enterprise, industry and sagacity, Mr. Banigan began his Catholic benefactions. He gave largely tow rds the erection of the splendid cathedral which the late Bishop Hend ricken, the first prelate of Providence began and practically completed. In 1880 he presented to the Little Sisters of built entirely at his expense, in Paw tucket, a city adjoining Providence. Later on, he established, through the co-operation of his worthy wife, the St. Maria Home for Working Girls, in the episcopal city: and only a year or so ago he purchased at an outlay of about \$30, 000, a splendid site, with a comfortable residence thereon, and presented it to the association of St. Vincent de Paul tor the housing and care of orphans or destitute infants. These benefactions. albeit they constitute the more notable ones of Mr. Banigan's gifts to the diocese of Providence, by no means constitute the entirety of his donations to that bispopric and its churches and institu-

In fact, it may be questioned whether any important church enterprise has been undertaken there in the last tifteen years or so to which he or his family, through him, has not been a generous c ntributor; while his gifts to the charitable institutions of the diocese have couple of years ago, crowned his pre-

great interest he has always taken in the institution, he has been chosen one o the board of directors of the Catholic the only other laymen on the board Notwithstanding the great sums dis MR. BANGAN, who is often called the charitable donations, Mr. Banigan is

been as regular as they have been generous His princely liberality has been publicly acknowledged by Bishop Harkins; and it is hardly necessary to recall here the eloquent and well-merited tribute which the past rector of the Catholic University paid Mr. Banigan at Providence, when that gentleman, a vious large donations to the university by handing Archbishop Keane \$50 000 for the endowment of a chair of political

In recognition of his large philanthropy and generous gifts to religion and education, the Holy Father has confer red upon Mr. Banigan the order of St. Gregory the Great, and because of the University, sharing that honor with Mr. pensed in religious benefactions and

業業業業業業業業業業業 | Cemetery, Leytonstone. He enlisted | eight years, In 1833, Sir Charles Colville, when a mere boy, saw plenty of active Governor of Mauritius, sent to the Zoo service in Africa and, subsequently, in logical Gardens a tortoise weighing 285 the Crimea, and, on returning home, was lbs. It was 4ft. 4in. long, and had been made Garrison Sergeant Major at the in Mauritius for sixty-seven years. The Curragh camp at Kildare, from which he exact period was known, for this tortoise was promoted to the more responsible was brought to that island from the and much coveted position of Chief Seychelles in 1766 by the Chevalier Mawarden of the Tower, which he held for rion du Fresne At that time it was twenty-three years, succumbing to an full grown, so that its real age was prob

The matter of funeral etiquette is as closely observed in Paris as any of the social laws which regulate public or private functions. This was instanced on the occasion of the obsequies of the late Alphonse Daudet, when everything was carried out with the strictest for sieur Alphonse Daudet, officer of the Legion of Honor, who died on the 16th December, 1897, fortified by the Sacra

The New York Times in referring to the practice of Protestants in keeping their churches closed during week days

· Church buildings belonging to certain denominations are left open in the day. right to proteot property. In a great any other building. Again, while certain modes of worship make it convenient to service two gentlemen purchased and

with his thoughts or with his God. It doesn't matter much how one looks at it, as long as some good is done in some

The system of hatting one's seat in halls and public places, so as to establish a claim to repossess it if one has occasion to leave the room for a short while, is a custom generally understood and admitted. It will be remembered that on the occasion of the great "Home Rule division" day members were at the House of Commons at 5 o'clock in the morning and "hatted" their seats, and by common consent this was treated as possession title during the whole day. lu the case of seats in a railway carriage in England it is customary when leav ng one's place with the intention of returnto put a coat or a book or paper on the cushion, and it is rarely interlered with. This has been generally regarded as an unwritten law, but it has now been given the character of a written provision ly reason of a decision given by Judge Emden, as will be seen by the following excerpt from the London Globe:-

A judgment of the greatest import ance and interest to railway travellers was delivered recently by Judge Emden. A gentleman travelling from London to Hastings had occasion to leave the carriage at Trinbridge Wells, and took the ordinary precaution of reserving his seat with his umbrella and newspapers. While he was absent another passenger seized his place and refused to vacate it until forcibly ejected. As a result an action for damages was brought against the original owner of the seat by the intruder, and a counter claim for similar damages was entered by the other side as well. The judgment divered was one which will com-mend itself to ninety nine out of every hundred travellers. The claim for damages for ejectment was dismissed and the counter claim allowed. For the nture, therefore, the cantankerous individual who persists in disturbing the comfort and convenience of travellers in the manner indicated will know how he stands, and that if the owner of the seat thinks fit to bundle him out neck and crop, that the latter will not only have the sympathy of the public but the law as well on his side. There can be no question whatever that the universal mode of retaining a seat in a railway carriage is a most reasonable and con venient one, and the thanks of the public are due to Judge Emden for his very clear and sensible interpretation of the law. Not the least important point in his judgment is his assertion that a holder of a seat was entitled to use reasonable force to eject an intruder.

NOW WELL WAR WIND WAR WAR TO WAR WAR TO WAR WAR TO WAR THE WAR TO WAR THE WAR Notes on Gatholic News. 法称亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦亦

THE Catholics in the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg have won a hard fought battle for the religious education of their children. The new School Bill introduced by MM. Krier and Prum was passed on December 8, by 27 to 16 votes, after a debate which lasted nearly two of 1881 is altered in a manner favorable mame and address. to religious instruction being given in schools, and accords the parish priest a seat on the local board of school inspec-

professor of both mathematics and as tory at Washington, where he remained for a number of years. In 1858 Father Major became a member of the Society of Jesus, and for several years was a member of the faculty of Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass. Later he was associated at different times in the capacity of teacher of astronomy and mathematics with Loyola College, or, as it is more commonly known, St. Ignatius' Cellege, Baltimore, and Georgetown University. For nine years he was pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Whitmarsh, Prince George's County, Maryland. Following his pastorate St. Joseph's Church of Providence ten years ago. His illness was sudden, al though of late years his health had been

SISTER MARY ANTHONY, the Mother Su-

FATHER GOHEIT, of the Otlawa University, delivered an important sermon on education on the Feast of the Epiphany. In the course of his remarks he touched upon the Menitoba echools in words that made an impression. He referred to them as "Godless," the term which has been so long applied to the Queen's Colleges in Ireland, and de nounced the Government that supported them as no friend of religious liberty. The Pope's Encyclical, he said, would test the true spirit of Canadian Catholics and enable the world to see who were with the Church and who against it. He predicted the overthrow of those Catholics who had supported the Manitoba view of the question and the restoration of religious liberty together with the re-establishment of Catholic schools in that Province. He emphatically condemned the present school settlement and any idea of compromise. It must be a case of "the schools, the whole schools and nothing but the schools." Altogether there was an earnest, outspoken and independent ring about his utterances that was most reassuring and encouraging, and it is to be hoped his words fell upon good soil.

St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society.

The members of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society met in St. Patrick's Church Sunday afternoon, January 9th, for their regular monthly exercises, which were conducted by the Rev. J. A. McCallen, SS, Rev. President of the Society. The Rev. Father, in the course of his remarks, drew attention to the boys' branch now established in connection with the society and urged upon fathers and mothers of families to have their boys join the society, which would prove a safeguard against the evil of in temperance, so prevalent among the youth of our city.

After the instruction the Rev. President administered the pledge to ten persons.

The business meetings of the society are now changed from the second Sunday to the second Tuesday of each month. This change came into effect on Sunday last and seemed to meet with every success, more time being allowed the members to discuss matters of in terest to the society. At the reunion held on Sunday a large number of the boys were also present, and seemed to take an active interest in all that took place. The first steps have been taken to make the boys' meetings as interesting as possible. A prize has been offered to the boy belonging to the society who for the next monthly reanion will write the best essay on "What benefits may be derived by a boy who takes the pledge and becomes a member of the St. Patrick's Total Abstinence and Ben efit Society." In addition to the prize the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS has kindly consented to publish the essay weeks. By the new art the School Law of the successful boy, together with his

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society was held Tuesday evening, January 11th, Mr. John Walsh presiding. Eight new members were admitted to the Benefit Branch. The celebrating of the 58th anniversary of the society was discussed, and committees were appointed to ascer-tain the most fitting way of celebrating the event. The society has also secured the favorite picnic resort, St. Rose, for their annual picuic on Dominion Day, July 1st, 1898 The securing of St. Rose had to be done at this time owing to their being four other societies after the same place. The temperance society, however, were to the front and have secured the beautiful resort. After other business was disposed of the meeting idjourned.

The Queen of Italy is going to reestablish an old Roman institution which has fallen into disuse for over twenty years. Its object is to give a dowry of thirty ducats to 150 Roman maidens on their marriage. Formerly a church brotherhood used to decide on the merits of the recipients, but her



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The Albert medal of the first class has been conferred upon Stoker Lynch, another heroic Irishman, who displayed gallantry in endeavoring to save life when the late terrible accident occurred on board the "Thrasher." He is the only man in the Naval Service, below the rank of a commissioned officer, who enjoys the distinction of wearing an Albert Medal of the first class.

The Golic League has issued a report oldest living creature in the world." It head of the mourners, walked the two of its operations for the year ending is one of the giant tortoises of Aldabra, good Sisters of Mercy who had conducted 30th September 1997, and records splen-sufficiently remarkable for its size, for it the last watch over the body in the did work done towards reviving Gaelic weighs a quarter of a ton, but even more mortuary chambers. Special representations and the preservation of the Irish interesting from the record of its age. tatives of the President of the Republic language where it is still spoken. It This gives it a known life of 150 years, and the President of the Municipal states that the movement now extends | with the unknown increment of its age | Council were in the cortege, as well as from London to San Francisco, and that previous to its transportation to the several of the Ministers and all the "not alone has the patriotism of the island of Mauritius. It is said to be the Ancient Order of Hibernians generously same tortoise which was mentioned in endowed an Irish chair in the Catholic University of Washington, but the John Hepkins University of Baltimore has also established a chair of Gaelic, and therefore changed its status four times.

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might be made a Peer has sorely dis latter must enjoy some special advantage quieted the ecclesiastical conscience of a leither of structure or of habit conducing | time, those of others are locked up. learned English Divine, who dispenses to longevity. One hundred years is a Thinking persons will see in the two theology at the Temple Church, London. good old age for an elephant, and no customs a certain suggestiveness of the After delivering himself in strong terms other animals, except certain birds and respective creeds. Of course, it is all against the idea, he closed his remarks reptiles, reach half the span of years, right to protect property. In a great by assuring his hearers that he had not | With this we may contrast the follow | city there are many thieves about, and "a word to say against Cardinal Vaughan, | ing instances of the length of years at | some of them are too profane to make a as a man, for he believed there was not a tained both by the smaller tortoises and distinction between a sanctuary and finergentleman in Europe." The learned Divine, Dr. Parker, would find himself garden at Peterborough one died in 1821

attack of pneumonia on the 16th Delably much greater. cember. Amongst those who attended the funeral were General Sir Frederick Lieutenant of the Tower; Lieut. General Millman, Major of the Tower; Surgeon-Captain Morgan, Medical Officer of the Tower, and Mrs Morgan; Miss Hoban and Masters T. and J. Hoban, Miss Finn. and Mr. J. McHugh. The service for the dead was conducted by Rev. Fr. Rymer, Priest in charge of the Cemetery. It may be added that a military funeral was offered by the authorities, but declined by deceased's family. Mr. Penrose, who was a native of County Cork, was 67 years of age.

Through Mr. Walter Rothschild, the London Zor logical Gardens are now in his parish church. De Profundis!" Impossession of what is described as "the mediately behind the hearse, and at the that historic Harvard is now following in a century and a half as a national suit." of other animals is contrasted with that | 5ays :-The possibility that Cardinal Vaughan of the giant tortoise, it is clear that the the gigantic species. In the Bishon's in a miserable minority if he thought that was said to have exceeded two hundred and twenty years. The Lambeth church, others do not Still it would tortoise, which was introduced into the seem that a slight expenditure and risk

mality. The invitation cards alone are evidence of this. They ran thus: "You are requested to assist at the conveyance, Requiem and interment of Monments of the Church, at his house, 41 Rue de l'Université, at the age of 57 years. The body will be taken at twelve o'clock to the Basilica of St. Clothilde, prominent literatteurs of Paris, including Mr. Brunetirre. He was interred in the

HEV. FATHER JAMES MAJOR, E.J., ASsistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, corner of Hope and Arnold streets. Providence, R.I., died at the parachial residence, 92 Hope street, Jan. 1. Rev. Father Major was born in Ireland March 17. 1813. He received his early education in an academy at Belfast and came to America in 1838. He possessed great ability as a scholar and early manifested a decided tendency for the study of mathematics. Until he entered the priesthood he was engaged in the teaching of this study in many institutions in various parts of the country. Upon his arrival in America he was appointed instructor of mathematics in the navy, and held that position until the opening of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, when he assumed the position of tronomy. Subsequently he also became connected with the National Observathere he became an assistant pastor of

perior of the Sisters of Charity at Cincinnati, is spoken of by the Springfield Republican as one who was known as The Angel of the Battle field.' Her name in the world was Mary O'Connell. Born in Limerick in 1814, she came, as a child, with her parents to Maine, thence she went to the Ursulines at Charlestown; entered the Sisters of Charity at Em mitsburg, Md., in 1835, and took her first vows at Cincinnati in 1837. She presided over the hospitals of St. John's and St. Joseph at Cincinnati at the breaking out of the rebellion and soon went to the front, was stati ned at Nashville and took charge of hospital steamers on the Mississippi. She enjoyed the special privilege of a free pass from the Federal to the Anti Confederate lines. The work of the Sisters under her charge during the war was of incalculable value. On returning from the scenes where she had done such heroic presented to her, for the Order, on her 52nd birthday in 1866, the United States Marine hospital at Nashville—on whose grounds the Convent of the Good Samaritan and St. Joseph's Hospital A distinguished Irish soldier, whose garden by Archbishop Laud about the might be made in order to provide an grounds the Convent of the Good the Empire by his countrymen, has been some neglect of the gardener, lived in its need it. A few steps from the busy were subsequently built. Contrary to laid to rest in St. Patrick's Catholic "last situation" one hundred and twenty thoroughfare and one might be alone custom, the funeral rites of Sister An-

thony were performed in the Cathedral and were attended by a large representation of Church dignitaries, High Mass being celebrated by Archbishop Veder, and the funeral sermon delivered by the Very Rev. Thomas Byrne.