



**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

Our St. Patrick's Day Number, which will appear on next Wednesday, will be a souvenir worthy of the occasion. It will contain full and exact reports of the day's celebration, the Mass, procession, concerts and addresses. Our aim will be to present our readers with a truly literary and patriotic number—one that they may preserve as a memento of the occasion and to which, in the future, others

the unfortunate but glorious woman, whose fate was sealed by the jealousy of a cruel female tyrant. Edmund Yates tells us that "Her Majesty declined to purchase them, as Queen Mary is not one of her favorites." Possibly Queen Victoria has a perfect right to have her favorites—even amongst the departed monarchs, but it speaks very little for Her Majesty's appreciation of womanly character and her delicacy of choice, when she is so narrow in her prejudices

to the Sioux Indian Chaska. Says our contemporary: "The Princess Colonna has fled from her husband, and Mrs. Chaska will never live with her red mate again, because he has eloped with a squaw. The girls of America had best select their husbands from young men in their own nation. Marriage may be a lottery, but the chances of drawing blanks are increased when going out of one's own circle." This stands true for the girls in Canada, and in every other

in the Paris Chamber of Deputies. The Italian injured seven or eight and a couple of fatalities were the result of his act; besides he is probably going to escape detection. Vaillant killed nobody; but he got his own head cut off. Despatches stated that the Pope was deeply interested in learning the circumstances of the explosion and directed that a special inquiry be made for his own information. It is not unlikely that the Rome correspondent is right

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may refer when speaking of Montreal's great celebrations. We once more repeat our request of last week to the different societies, to send us in any special reports that they may have, or any items of interest that they may wish to have recorded. We will spare no pains to do justice to all who take part in the day's celebration, but we are anxious to have all the assistance that our friends can afford us. Don't forget to leave your order at your newsdealer's, or at this office, for the St. Patrick's Day TRUE WITNESS of 1894.

WE ARE in receipt of a most beautiful letter from America's foremost Catholic literary lady, Miss Eliza Allen Starr. The four pages of that letter contain most infallible indices of that bright, active, sincere, but very humble character. It is almost all about others, the authoress being left in the background. Although the intention was to draw our attention to some very interesting facts connected with her magnificent work

as to fail in admiration of that pure, noble and generous Queen of Scots. Treachery on the one hand, and the vicious cruelty of Henry's murderous daughter on the other, combined to cut short that beautiful life—but Mary's name will forever create a sentiment of admiration in the breast of the generous, and the story of her life will bring a tear of reverence and regret to the eye of the tender-hearted and affectionate amongst men. We don't envy Her Majesty's sense of appreciation; it is anything but what might be expected from one of so many fine feelings.

SPEAKING of Royal prejudices, we find a second illustration of Her Majesty's unreasonable antipathies towards certain departed monarchs. Yates tells how "some time ago a fine portrait of Charles II. came into the market and the Queen was urgently requested to buy it for the Royal collection at Windsor Castle. Her Majesty refused, and then an elaborate memorandum was sent to the Palace, in

country as well as in America. And it also has its application to a great extent in cases of mixed marriages: they very rarely result in true happiness.

"FATHER" BROWN of the Episcopal Church of "St. Mary the Virgin," New York, has introduced the devotions of the Stations of the Cross as a Lenten exercise in his establishment. Not a bad move for Father Brown! There are only a few more steps for that Reverend gentleman to take and then he will be consistent, logical and safe. The first is to add in the word "Blessed" before the word "Virgin" in the name of his Church. It will be in accordance with the Gospel of St. Luke. Then the second step will be to acknowledge the supremacy of the successor of St. Peter—a very simple proceeding, requiring very little exertion. Finally, the third step, to accept the title of Father or priest from one duly authorized to confer sacerdotal powers—and his work will be complete. It would be a pity, after taking so many steps to-

for once; in fact it would not require an inspired person to know that the great spread of anarchist principles in Italy and the outrages in the heart of Rome would necessarily engage the special attention of His Holiness. The government sowed the wind and it is beginning to reap the whirl-wind.

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THE P. P. A. is in a bad box. It appears that its existence is menaced, or at least there is likelihood of a split into two factions. Rev. Mr. Madill was elected grand president instead of Mr.

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for women, still the characteristic self-effacement is so marked that she seems to only find time to thank others, to encourage beginners, and to lavish gentle and delicate praise upon those whom she would wish to assist along the thorny way of letters. In her home, St. Joseph's cottage, Huron street, Chicago, Miss Starr has an auditorium, wherein she has delivered several series of illustrated lectures, during the autumn afternoons, to the lovers of the beautiful and sublime. Last November her course was upon Michael Angelo. Next November she will commence her "Twenty Dante Talks." What a noble work! Later on we will give our readers an idea of the form and matter of these admirable lectures.

IT APPEARS that Queen Victoria is not an admirer of Mary Queen of Scots. She was asked to purchase the necklace, earrings and brooch, in the Eglinton collection of jewels, which once belonged to

which the reasons for buying the picture were enumerated. Ultimately the Queen decided to purchase the work, and thus indorsed the memorandum: "I consent, but with great reluctance, for I do not like Charles II." Even if she had no love for the memory of a Stuart, still it displayed very little tact to so express it, and under such circumstances. The fact is that, divest Her Majesty of the cloak that royalty flings about every monarch, and consider her merely as a woman of superior advantages, great opportunities and many fine qualities, we discover that she is animated with no affection for her Catholic predecessors, rather does she dislike the line of Stuart and despise characters whose nobility she is no more able to comprehend than is she competent or willing to appreciate their Faith.

THE Catholic Columbian refers very aptly to the marriage of Miss Mackay to Prince Colonna, and that of Miss Fellows

ward Rome, if he should fail to take the three we have mentioned.

MAYOR SCHIEREN has refused to allow the Irish flag to float from the Brooklyn City Hall on St. Patrick's Day. It is too bad—not about the flag, for the decision will in no way affect the day's celebration—but that a city, like Brooklyn, should be afflicted with such a mayor. We don't know Mr. Schieren's nationality—perhaps he has none, but we are under the impression that he has slightly changed his name, for it seems to us that he must be the descendant of some "Squireen," and that he has inherited the unenviable Irish antipathies of his forefather. The flag of Ireland will wave when Mayor Squireen is in oblivion.

BOMB throwing has recommenced in Europe. It is in Rome this time, and in the Chamber of Deputies. The anarchist was somewhat more successful than Vaillant, who tried the same trick

John McConnell; Mr. Madill has been giving his time to the organization of Orange lodges in Quebec, instead of attending to the P. P. A. interests. Mr. J. McRoberts, chairman of the London Board of Education, was elected grand treasurer, but he resigned, on account of Mr. Madill's conduct. Ex-Mayor Fleming, of Toronto, was chosen to replace Mr. McRoberts. Then Rev. Mr. Ghent, Episcopal Minister of Walkerville, who held the post of Grand Chaplain, resigned. Mr. McRoberts claims to have "a mighty small opinion of the Grand President." This is an unfortunate state of affairs for the P. P. A. Should the Society split into two parties, we will have P.P.A. No. 1, and P.P.A. No. 2. Then No. 1 will be busily engaged blackguarding Rome and cutting No. 2 to pieces; while No. 2 will out-herod No. 1 in attacking Catholics and in cutting the grass from under the feet of No. 1. A magnificent society! We could not expect much Christian sentiment in men so devoid of brotherly love.

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