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THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1907.

EVER GLORIOUS ST. PATRICK.

On Sunday we reach another anniversary of the great saint, and the tender chord of every Irish heart is touched at the mention of St. Patrick's Day, the day of all others when the Irishman feels proud of the history and achievements of his race.

The hero of the doing is the redoubtable Cyrus Townsend Brady—pastor Brady, the writer of novels, and flamboyant contributions to the weeklies. He is also the "priest" in charge of Trinity Church in the Ohio town.

There is a living and undying reason for it all. The glorious history of the Irish race is the wonder and admiration of the world.

Forced by necessity from the land of their birth, they have shed lustre and brilliant distinction on their race wherever their quest brought them.

One of the boasts of America is her Irish citizen: not so in past years, but "time changeth all things" and to-day he is honored and welcomed everywhere.

The Irishman has suffered centuries of persecution for his ideals of religion, law and liberty, and knowing what it is to suffer for undying principle, his heart is always true and tender for others in oppression.

As the son of Ireland on next Sunday casts his mind's eye on that little island across the ocean, he will perceive harbingers of coming peace and happiness there.

The combination of Irish hearts and Irish hands cannot be minimized and the destiny of Ireland, written in the blood of martyrs, is just as potential to-day as in the days of O'Connell and the martyred Emmet.

AGAIN THE SCHOOL TEACHER. New Brunswick, in common with the rest of the country, is experiencing difficulty in supplying efficient teachers for her schools.

The higher class teachers are unwilling to accept the remuneration offered, and, in increased numbers, are seeking to better their circumstances by removing to the western

provinces, or by abandoning the teaching profession for other pursuits. Under these conditions a larger proportion than usual of the rural schools have been under the charge of teachers of the third class, or of those holding only a temporary local license.

It is hard to understand how this infinitely important branch of our social life is being neglected. Everywhere the same cry goes up, and in every instance the reason ascribed is the same—poor remuneration.

The best intellectual training should be demanded in our teachers, and paid for accordingly.

It is beyond the calculation of reason how it can be expected that young men and women will give their lives to the teaching profession at the niggardly compensation offered by most communities, amounting in most cases to no more than that paid the ordinary office helper.

The training of children demands more than ability to add up a column of figures or dictate a stereotyped essay, and the sooner that this principle is recognized the better it will be for all concerned.

AMUSEMENT FOR ST. PATRICK.

Our honored patron saint must be highly amused at the doings at the Protestant Episcopal Church in Toledo.

The hero of the doing is the redoubtable Cyrus Townsend Brady—pastor Brady, the writer of novels, and flamboyant contributions to the weeklies. He is also the "priest" in charge of Trinity Church in the Ohio town.

And to prove his belief he has announced that a full service will be held on St. Patrick's Day. In announcing the services in his church publication he has this to say:

"As you all know, the rector is of Irish descent, and the Emerald Isle, albeit his people have been away from it for some 200 years or more, is still dear to him. So also is the patron saint of Erin. We have too long allowed the Roman Catholic Church to monopolize St. Patrick, who indeed by right devolves to our branch of the Catholic church of the world. Therefore, the rector has determined to have the full services of the Church on next St. Patrick's day, with the full choir, and he hopes that all the congregation will be present thereat. Indeed, this movement is a general one, and I believe all the Episcopal churches, as well as other churches in the city, will have services on this day. The Irish are coming out on top not only politically but ecclesiastically."

The Syracuse Sun comments thus on the pastor's plans:

"Full services by the full church choir!" What a spectacle! Evidently Rev. Brady will be full, and the services will be, and the choir also. No doubt when St. Patrick takes in the full meaning of this unique celebration he, too, will be full of laughter. It will be news to him that he belongs to the camp of Brady and the Episcopalians, but he is getting used to that sort of thing nowadays. The Methodists have claimed him, and so have the Baptists and Presbyterians, and others, so perhaps he can stand it awhile longer. The Mormons, Christian Scientists and Dowiettes are yet to put in a claim, but possibly they may yet wake up. We despair of ever seeing the Jews fall into line.

On the whole, it will be a great day in Toledo, and no doubt Brady will straighten the curve of the welkin with his eloquence. The managers of the various Irish stores ought to apply early in effort to sell Brady his supply of Shamrocks. He's in earnest, and means to celebrate in full canonicals, irrespective of the wrath of the gods. Just see what possession of Irish blood brings a man to whenever it is misdirected!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

Those who would decry Catholic school education for our young men, read this.

President James, of the University

of Illinois, announced the result of the recent examination of competitors for the Rhodes free scholarship in Oxford University, England. Five were found worthy, though only one can enter from that State.

Of those who passed, two are from the University of Illinois, one from Northwestern University and two from St. Ignatius' College, conducted by the Jesuits at Chicago. Significantly, the two Catholic boys who won are disqualified from entering Oxford this year because they are too young. They must be nineteen years old, and one is eleven days too young, and the other is only seventeen years of age.

Daniel Edward Murphy, who lacks by eleven days, is in his junior year at St. Ignatius. James J. Lynch, who is only seventeen, is also in his junior year. One of the University of Illinois winners is a junior aged twenty-one; the other is a graduate, aged twenty-one. The Northwestern University winner is a sophomore, aged twenty-one. This is little short of a revelation. Catholic education surely is not in a bad way when juniors from a Catholic College, aged seventeen, are found standing up equal to the graduates of a secular university, aged twenty-one, in a competitive examination conducted by Protestants. Let those who affect to think Catholic schools backward look to the record just made by the Jesuit College at Chicago. In a close competition some of its juniors are found equal to the graduates of a secular university.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Birrell is known to be at work on what is nothing less than a Home Rule Bill for Ireland. In a speech in the House of Commons a fortnight ago, while he "rejoiced to think that, at all events, when I came into office I found Ireland in a state of comparative peace, comparative crimelessness, but undoubtedly in a state of expectancy," he also stated that some reform in Ireland was absolutely necessary, while "the Prime Minister, like myself, is perfectly satisfied that ultimately the only solution that would give satisfaction to the great majority of the population of Ireland would be what was generally called a Home Rule Parliament."

Mr. Pius Michaud, of Edmundston, has been elected by acclamation to represent the constituency of Victoria-Madawaska in the House of Commons. This seat was made vacant by the recent appointment to the Senate of Hon. John Costigan, who had represented Victoria-Madawaska for a great number of years. Hon. John Costigan made a brief address, saying this was not his farewell speech by any means. He remarked that it was his intention to hold a monster picnic at Grand Falls next summer, and invite all his friends to be present on that occasion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the member-elect, and other leading statesmen would be present.

A Catholic Irishman (formerly a Protestant), Sir Henry Bellingham, of Castlebellingham, Co. Louth, who has revived the good old Catholic custom of setting up crosses on the waysides gives an interesting account of how he was converted to the ancient Church. "The personal example and simple faith of the Irish poor," he says, "were the first things that impressed me. I compared it favorably with the class of Protestants in Ireland amongst whom I mixed and whose doctrines consisted more in hatred of Rome than in any definite belief. The language they used first irritated and then disgusted me, and predisposed me to make inquiries."

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His Excellency the Governor-General has received the following from the Colonial Secretary: The Queen has learnt with great regret of the disastrous fire which has occurred at the Protestant children's school at Montreal. Her Majesty desires me to convey to you her great admiration of the heroic conduct of Miss Maxwell, who gave up her life in a gallant attempt to rescue the little children entrusted to her care, as well as Her Majesty's deep sympathy with the bereaved relations of this brave woman.

"Every Christian in the land should see to it that the publication of vile matter does not pay," says the Catholic Standard and Times. "Every pulpit should speak out against such newspapers; every father should bar them from his home and every business man should withdraw them from his patronage. Let there be a general crusade against this great evil, and the press will return to its true mission of enlightening and educating the people, and our homes and society will be purer and better."

The story of Canada's timber wealth is a wonderful tale. Two thousand miles long is its field of uncut timber to-day, comprising 1,500,000,000 acres divided into three great belts. To put it briefly—according to the Dominion authorities—Canada's timber area is four times greater than the timber area of the United States, three times greater than the timber area of Russia, and twice as great as the timber area of all Europe. And this source of national wealth is practically untapped.

Mgr. Thomas F. Kennedy, Rector of the American College at Rome, has arrived in New York with a message from the Pope to American Catholics. It was that if the Church had received the same consideration from France that it did from the United States there would have been no trouble over the separation. Mgr. Kennedy said that all Europe was in sympathy with the Catholics of France, and that the struggle for religious rights would be fought to a finish, with no compromising.

Catholic papers, as a rule, find their own environments not over profitable financially, and when the local patronage becomes seriously divided, it becomes unprofitable. The local paper serves the local interests and, all things being equal, should receive the preference, to the exclusion, if necessary, of papers printed in another country, the United States for instance.

Brother Dowie, the great Zionist, has gone the way of all other self-styled "bishops" and "archbishops." Their fanaticism for a while holds some weak minds that are groping in the dark, but sooner or later the inevitable crash comes. Poor, deluded old Dowie, deserted even by his wife and children in his last moments! What a warning to our other "archbishops!"

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, when asked whether he would accept a gift from Rockefeller in aid of his cause, says, "I would take anything and would wash it in the tears of the widows and orphans." There could be no clearer statement of the doctrine of practical spirituality.

Miss Katherine Eleanor Conway, editor of the Boston Pilot, was selected on March 9 as the recipient of the Lactare medal for 1907. A medal is given annually to some member of the Catholic laity in the United States distinguished for service to religion, art, science or philanthropy.

The language is becoming enriched in its phraseology through current murder trials. "Brain storms," "mental explosions," "mental fulminations," "impulsive insanity," etc. These are more elegant than the slang of the day, but do they have as sincere a meaning.

The Rev. Albert McKeon, S.J.L., of St. Columban, Ontario, has just issued a second edition of his excellent tract on "The Catholic Confessional and the Sacrament of Penance." This second edition was made necessary by the quick sale of the first and the demand for more.

Struggling Infant Mission. IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, FAKENHAM, NORFOLK ENGLAND. Where is Mass said and benediction given at present? IN A GARRET, the use of which I get for a rent of ONE SHILLING per week.

Average weekly Collection...3s 6d. No endowment whatever, except HOPE. Not a great kind of endowment, you will say, good reader. Ah, well! Who knows? Great things have, as a rule, very small beginnings. There was the stable of Bethlehem, and God's hand is not shortened, I HAVE hopes. I have GREAT hopes that this latest Mission, opened by the Bishop of Northampton, will, in due course, become a great mission.

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L'AVENIR DU NORD. A French Paper on the Continent. We print below a notice to, and endorsed by management of the L'Avvenir du Nord, attacking those who against the spoliation sued by the French. "The newspapers in the pious conferees of thinking of organizing festation against the eriment. It appears members of the Noctur and the Third Order have also signified the adherence to the will, as a matter of the costume of their the Irish-Americans seize their duty to manifest the animates them toward of the French tongue, variably interested their misfortune them as exiles, is as ingratitude and all the which humanity is held in fact, be understood cannot be excused, for obliged to esteem I. But after all it was our gave us life, and who that even in her mista not merit our love and Ham was cursed with candidates, so report story, for having laugh drunkenness, and the s tell us that his brothe Japhet merited cele because they intervene their father's nakednes France for us if not a mother, in spite of tin whose memory keeps flame of hope and pa which keeps alive this rican people, who do all to die. Tell me, i to disappear from the cease to exist for us, same thing, how many pass before this French Quebec would be engulf glo-Saxon furnace in other element. disaj a matter of fact, a has somewhere address tion to French-Canada their language the mor judgment, it becomes a to their religious faith sons would then be v the recital of heroic s dered by French patrio would wrest from our books of France, the h savants, the poets, the It is in English that would learn of the ex martine, of Balzac, of Pascal, of Victor Hu and of Napoleon. O, not thy souvenirs pass thousands of your sons say? Two millions of abandoned by thy king off land seek to cor tine image in their the, dear old tricolor of our persistent love It was the same people to wrest from our han flag who to-day seek to people into a hostile against the French Rep time has passed when dians will flock to the listen to a Te Deum, and orphans weep on the Seine. To-day, w our eyes towards Fran to insult her, but rath honor. The friends of nation will not be foun the ranks of the process will, on the contrary, selves on the sidewall the sad cortege as it p shouts of Vive la Fran The editor, underfoot Hon. Jean Prevost, con "It seems to us that