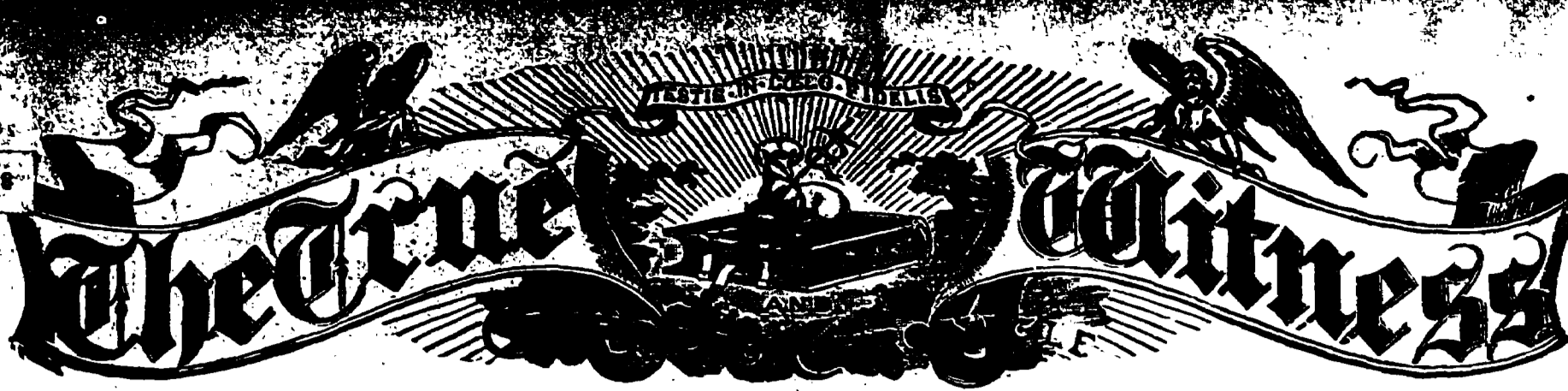


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OUR LONDON LETTER.

Lord Strathcona's Bill to Legalize Marriage With a Deceased Wife's Sister.

The second reading of Lord Strathcona's Bill, declaring that a marriage between a man and his deceased wife's sister in the colonies should be held valid for all purposes, gave rise to a debate of more than usual importance. Lord Strathcona spoke in favor of his Bill, saying that as the English law now does not uniformly affect the interests of very many excellent and most deserving colonies, and he expressed the hope that his Bill would allow the second reading of the message of good will in the Greater Bill.

The Duke of Norfolk, says the Westminster Gazette, won golden opinions from all for his courtesy and admirable conduct of Mr. Gladstone's lying in state and funeral, and he is now referred to by Mr. Mulock, the Canadian Commissioner at the Postal Conference. He says: "The Duke of Norfolk was our chairman and was in constant attendance. He took a deep interest in the proceedings, and expressed large and liberal views, evidently feeling the responsibility of his position. He was most fair and judicial throughout, and received a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks at the close of the conference."

So many names have been mentioned in connection with the succession to Lord Aberdeen as Governor General, that all reports have come to be treated as of the "Wolf, wolf" character, and little attention is paid to them. Mention has recently been made of the Earl of Minto, who as Lord Melgund was formerly in Canada, and as military secretary to Lord Lansdowne, on the staff of the Governor-General, but the rumor is not traceable to any reliable source, and may be due simply to the fact that his experience with Lord Lansdowne, has a thorough knowledge of the duties of the position, and would discharge them well if selected to rule where he once served.

Preaching on the occasion of the Jubilee of St. George's Cathedral, Cardinal Vaughan advocated kind feeling and treatment for those outside the pale of the Church, and his sermon was pregnant with love for his separated brethren, so many of whom were obliged to remain separated by sheer force of circumstances. This was in strong distinction to the fact that 100 years ago Lord George Gordon, with a rabble of 40,000 fanatics at his heels, assembled in St. George's Fields for the purpose of preaching a crusade against Catholics and everything Catholic.

An interesting and somewhat novel ceremony took place lately at Elswick, Newcastle, being the launch and blessing of a Chilean ship. It is thus described in a Newcastle local paper. At the shipyard of Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Ltd., Elswick, Newcastle, on Tuesday afternoon, 5th inst., Madame Baseman performed the ceremony of launching the new Chilean vessel, the General Baquedano. The ship was attended by Fathers Parker and Key, of St. Michael's, Elswick, who performed the ceremony of blessing the new ship, after

which Madame Baseman gracefully broke a bottle of champagne over the side of the vessel, and christened the new vessel the General Baquedano, amid hearty applause. Luncheon was afterwards held in the midship room. Colonel Sir Andrew Noble, K.C.B., presiding.

The rumor that the Vatican has been urged to appoint a Scottish Cardinal has awakened great interest amongst the Catholic communities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, and other parts of Scotland. It is understood that the matter has been under the consideration of the ecclesiastical authorities at Rome for years past.

The long expected report of Lord Roschild's Committee on Old Age Pensions has been issued. The committee state that, with great reluctance, they are forced to the conclusion that none of the schemes submitted to them would attain the objects which the Government had in view, and they are unable, after repeated attempts to devise any proposal free from grave inherent disadvantages.

In his first pastoral letter Mgr. Richelmy, the new Archbishop of Turin, dwells at considerable length on the subject of Catholic journalism. He appeals to all his spiritual children to aid to the fullest extent of their power the Catholic press.

The Archbishop declares that in these days of Catholic journalism has become a sport of verbal dispute, and that our journalists owe it to their calling to give our adversaries more and more saying what is true, and not to say what is untrue. He says more than that, however, and gives a superabundant amount of earthly goods to their spiritual fathers, and a subsidy of money to the Catholic press. He is content with paying for his own subscription, but should urge the people a large number of copies of good religious periodicals.

While there is universal indignation at the reported cowardice of the sailors on the Bourguigne, there is corresponding admiration for the heroic conduct of the captain and every man on board the ship Delaware, which took fire off New York. The story that comes to England is that not a man on board made any attempt to approach the boats till all the women and children had been wrapped in blankets and carefully handed into the life boats, and had been rowed away from the ship, in charge of two of the crew and an officer, and this while the flames were sweeping the decks forward and fast making aft. There was not the slightest relaxation of discipline throughout all the excitement, notwithstanding that there was a large lot of ammunition on board. The captain was the last to leave, and had hardly got clear of the ship when she blew up. The whole affair took within less than a half hour from the first discovery of the fire.

A special military service has taken place in the open air at Strensall Camp, in the presence of a large number of troops. Long before the appointed time for service a large gathering of Catholics and non-Catholics from York and the surrounding districts had arrived on the ground. On the arrival of St. George's choir from York a long procession was formed of school children in white, altar boys, military with banners, and marched to a small tent in which the altar had been erected. The priests taking part were the Very Rev. Canon Wells (York), Rev. T. Van Zo and Rev. B. Kelly (York). During the procession the band of the Black Watch played the "War March of the Priests." The choir, seventy-five strong for parts of the music, accompanied by the band, gave a masterly rendering of Stiebel's "Silve Regina" Mass with Gounod's "Credo" (Messa Solennelle). Father Kelly in suitable terms thanked the band (only two of whom were Catholics) for the honor of their voluntary services at the ceremony. A photograph of the service was taken at the elevation. At the conclusion the band played "The Heavens are Telling," the procession was again formed, and marched to the starting place some distance from the scene of the service. The profound attention and respect shown by the non-Catholics present marked a great interest and appreciation of the magnificent service. The school children, having spent a pleasant time in camp, returned to York with St. Patrick's Club, to whom great thanks are due for the assistance they gave. The choir proceeded to Lockington by Stamford Bridge, and were kindly received by Father O'Donoghue.

The Feast of St. Anne was fittingly observed at St. Ann's Church on Tuesday. High Mass was celebrated in the morning, and in the evening an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Miller, of Buffalo, N.Y., so well known in the parishes of Montreal through having been associated with a number of Missions. A solemn benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed. During the course of the prayers for the Novena to St. Anne, in the evening, the pastor, Rev. Father Strubbe, announced that the Novena exercises would continue morning and evening until Tuesday. There was a large congregation present at both morning and evening exercises, and the display of relics was most impressive.

HAPPENINGS IN THE OLD LAND.

Dedication of a Church at Bray.

Mgr. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, Delivers an Eloquent Sermon—The Twelfth of July Procession—Resolutions Adopted by the Bishops—Church Building in Belfast, and Other Matters.

Bray is a delightfully pretty and very fashionable watering place, between Dublin and Kingstown, and on Sunday last was entered because of the opening of its new Church by the Archbishop of Dublin. The building may be described as modern Romanesque, with its grace and elegance than usually attaches to this style. Its interior decorations are exceptionally rich and in the best taste. The pews, in the absence of the usual aisle seats, with all their disadvantages, are prepared to be a source of great satisfaction to the worshippers. The fittings, of which the choir stalls, the altar, and the font, are the work of the same hand, are of a high order of art. The choir, though not of great extent, is of a fine design, and has contributed to the beauty of the church. The organ, which is of a fine design, is of a high order of art. The choir, though not of great extent, is of a fine design, and has contributed to the beauty of the church. The organ, which is of a fine design, is of a high order of art.

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to look with quiet contempt on the demonstrations, if they can be so called, which did take place. A few disturbances occurred, but none of a serious nature were reported. What with an escort of 250 police brought in from outside counties, and detachments of the Inniskilling Dragoons, the men of Derry, who wear the dark yellow, were permitted to walk with an interference through the streets of this historic and Catholic town.

In the Local Government Bill for Ireland, the Government have differentiated between the clergy of England and Ireland, a fact which has caused much friction and irritation in and out of Parliament. The Irish clergy are naturally aroused and protest against the objectionable clause of the Bill, and are being forwarded from all parts of Ireland.

At a meeting of the priests of the Diocese of Cloyne, presided over by the Most Rev. Dr. F. O'Connell, Bishop of the Diocese, the following important resolutions were passed by the Very Rev. Archbishop of Dublin, P.P., V.G., Young, and seconded by the Very Rev. Canon Donohy, P.P., V.G., Kilmacoge, was an unanimous decision.

Resolved: That the bishops and priests of the Diocese of Cloyne, should be in a body to present a memorial to the Government, and to demand that the rights of the clergy should be protected, and that the Government should be held responsible for the actions of the clergy.

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ECHOES FROM THE ETERNAL CITY.

The Reports Regarding the Health of His Holiness.

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PERSONAL.
Miss M. Donovan, the accomplished organist of St. Anthony's Church, has left to spend a vacation of two weeks at the Catholic Summer School, Plattsburgh, N.Y.
Ald. Thomas Kinsella, Mrs. Kinsella, and his son William, have gone to Old Orchard Beach, for a short holiday.
The name of Archbishop Dubanel, of Ottawa, is being freely mentioned as that of the probable successor of the late Cardinal Taschereau.