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NEWCASTLE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE.

The event of last week in the English-speaking Catholic world was the vast meeting held at Newcastle on Tyne, preliminary to the annual Catholic Truth Society Conference.

This splendid meeting of Catholic citizens brings up more prominently than ever before the whole question of Catholic conferences and their success.

A SAD STORY FROM MONTREAL.

Mayor Prefontaine, of Montreal, is in a bad way. He has been giving interviews to the reporters and has been telling them that Montreal was "badly treated" by the managers of the Duke of York's tour.

circumstances of the whole affair are not pleasant for the city. We were told that the big reception was being cancelled on account of the death of the President.

Mayor Prefontaine seems to forget that he has had the pleasure of his great grief for the late President. Instead of envying Ottawa in its hardness of heart he should be pitying it.

We suppose Mayor Prefontaine is entitled to our sympathy but seriously, if the citizens of Montreal share his feelings, the tears that they shed for the President while they were wishing themselves joy of the Duke must have been of the crocodile variety.

A COON COMES DOWN.

In expectation that some of the religious orders from France may move over to England, the scare-crow Protestants are resuming business all over the country. Even The Times is pitching in a little abuse of Catholics.

"NON-SECTARIANISM," SO CALLED.

Rev. Father Cronin, editor of The Catholic Union and Times, Buffalo, has been heartily commended by The New York Independent for a dressing down which he delivered recently at North Tonawanda to the St. Superintendant of Education, Charles R. Skinner.

sectarian dress is not so great as what is often practiced by Protestants. Let us keep Church and State separate. Skinner is one of the numerous tribe inhabiting Canada, as well as the United States, who go around with shrill platitudes on their lips about the necessity of "non-sectarianism."

"SPECIAL" REPORTS FOR THE DUKE.

In the report of the Ottawa reception to the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, as that report appears in last Saturday's Mail and Empire, the following interesting sentence occurs:

"As the party left the Royal pavilion, the school children of the Protestant schools and convents of the City of Ottawa, who flanked the approaches, struck up 'The Maple Leaf,' and shouted it with lusty young throats."

When we read this far in the report we at once said "The Flaneur must be in Ottawa." But reading to the end we found we were mistaken. The children of the "Protestant Schools" were not in the chorus on Parliament Hill, unless, indeed, the writer incautiously sets down the "Public" schools as Protestant. Nor were the children of the convents. The chorus on the hill was made up of the pupils of the public, separate, model and high schools, the students of the Normal Schools and the University.

CRANK LEGISLATION AND RUIN.

The editor of this paper had a long drive last week through the County of Halton. Taking the road west from Churchville on the Credit River, the desolation of the villages is saddening. Nothing like it can be seen in Ireland. The people have all gone away. The village residences are in ruins. In a drive of twenty miles no place to water a horse was found.

CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, well expressed the feeling of the whole Canadian people when, in the proclamation making the late President McKinley's funeral day a day of mourning in Canada, he wrote: "It is eminently fitting and proper that the people of our Dominion of Canada should be afforded an opportunity of evincing in a solemn and collective manner their sorrow for the untimely death of the late President, and for their deep sympathy with the people of the United States in the national calamity which has suddenly fallen upon them."

MILITARISM AND MODERN STATES.

The visit of the Czar to France has passed off only with demonstrations of mutual joy between the two nations. In the present condition of the world, their alliance is the strongest combination of physical force that any national partnership outside of Britain and the United States could set up.

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, OTTAWA.

The Register publishes to-day the text of the address presented to their Royal Highnesses by St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society, Ottawa. It is a departure from the formal theme of the average address to the royal visitors, in so far as it refers to the question of Irish Home Rule. In this regard every reader will appreciate both the language and sentiments of the document as entirely appropriate to the occasion.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is little to show that the royal honors conferred in connection with the visit of the Duke were not won with Louisiana lottery tickets. Kitchener a long time ago compared the war to a cricket match. Since Roberts retired from play the Kerryman has called several "overs."

Though a misguided contemporary has been endeavoring to show that our French-Canadian friends do not understand the Irish in the way they ought, we observe that old Villa Marie welcomed the Duke with "caed mille failthe."

It is not, perhaps, generally known that General Kelly-Kenny is a Clare man. His brother is Mr. Jeremiah Kenny, J. P., the well-known lay Assistant Commissioner of the Irish Land Commission Court.

The Catholic papers of Sydney, New South Wales, record the deaths of Rev. Morgan O'Brien, S. J., aged 52, a native of Cork, and the Rev. P. Duffy, aged 88, also a native of Ireland. Father Duffy was Catholic Chaplain to the forces throughout the Crimean war.

Mr. Justice MacMahon, in opening the Assizes at Brockville, referred in well-chosen phrases to the visit of the heir-apparent and the assassination of the President. The custom of judges mentioning these topics which are most in the public mind is a good one and should not be allowed to fall into disuse.

An Associated Press despatch from Rome says: Pope Leo XIII. has offered the following prayer for the soul of the late President McKinley. Incline, O Lord, Thy ear to our prayers. We, supplicants, beseech Thee that Thou establish the soul of William McKinley, which Thou hast bidden depart from this world, in the realm of peace and light.

The arrangements for Mr. John Redmond's visit to America are now at most completed. He will leave next month, and Mr. P. A. McHugh, M. P., on his release from gaol, with one or two other members of the Irish Parliamentary party, will probably accompany him. The visit will be a brief one and will probably not extend beyond the leading cities of the United States.

The great English conference of Catholics held last week at Newcastle-on-Tyne received the following message from the Pope, through Cardinal Rampolla: "The Holy Father thanks the English Catholics assembled at Newcastle, for their noble and devoted sentiments manifested towards his august person. He hopes that copious fruit will flow from their efforts, and wishes that Catholicism may increase in England. With effusion of heart he gives them his apostolic blessing."

The Globe: The chief editorial article in The Canada Law Journal for June was devoted to a very thorough examination of the copyright question by Mr. John C. O'Donoghue. Mr. O'Donoghue comes to the conclusion that the British Parliament intended to leave the Canadian Parliament free to deal with copyright, subject to the power of disallowance, and that the British Parliament, though empowered to change the law, "has nevertheless bound itself, until such change occurs, to refrain from interference with Canadian laws relating to the internal affairs of the colony, except by the exercise of the power of disallowance."

A "Christian Scientist" named Perry stood in an unenviable position in the Toronto Police Court last week. He had been treating a child who died of diphtheria. The Crown Attorney denounced Mrs. Eddy's book on which the treatment was based as "abominable blasphemy." The following is a portion of the examination: "How long were you there?" asked his Worship. "About an hour, on the average, for each visit."

principles was dangerous to the community. "Yes," said Colonel Denison, "fakes of that sort ought to be exposed." "Did you say anything to the child?" Mr. Curry asked the witness. "I said nothing audibly," replied Perry.

Rev. Father McFadden, of Gweedore, who was in Canada some time ago collecting aid for the great Cathedral of Donegal, has been removed to the parish of Glenties, and the people who are devotedly attached to him have expressed their sorrow over the separation in the customary form of an address. The reply of the "patriot priest of Gweedore" was, however, a departure from the usual. It was delivered in the Irish tongue and is published in the Irish daily press in the language of St. Columba. As an indication of the progress of popular education in the most remote localities of Ireland, Father McFadden said one very interesting thing. In Gweedore there are twelve schools which turn out as bright pupils as any in Ireland. The school registers contain the names of all the boys and girls of school age.

The Conservative and Catholic papers of France anticipated the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Russia to the famous Cathedral at Reims, M. Louhet, who is a Catholic, although he signed the abominable Associations Law, approved the visit to the Cathedral, but the Brethren and Atheists who are around him felt when in the old Cathedral of Reims, something like Satan in a holy-water font. The Czar naturally wanted to see a place where, as at Moscow, monarchs were crowned, and to admire the superb western front of the Cathedral, which all experts agree to be the finest bit of architectural work produced in the Middle Ages.

Bishop Quigley, Buffalo, issued the following letter upon the death of President McKinley: Buffalo, Sept. 17th, 1901. Rev. Dear Sir,

The President of the United States and the Governors of the States of the Union have, by proclamation, designated Thursday next, 19th inst., as a day of national mourning and prayer. On that day the remains of our late President will be consigned to the grave with solemn ceremony in Canton, Ohio. It is meet that every citizen of this vast nation should, with bowed head and reverent mien, assist in spirit at these sad rites. Our prayers should be offered up at the same time for the peace and continued prosperity of the country in this crucial hour of its history. Especially should we pray for him who has been summoned so unexpectedly to assume the high and responsible office of the Presidency.

Therefore, I order that on Thursday next, at 9 a.m., in all the churches of the diocese the "Missa pro quocunque necessitate" be celebrated with all the solemnities which circumstances will permit. May it please Almighty God to continue His loving mercy upon this favored land of ours, and preserve it from the spread of the pernicious principles which prompted the dastardly assassin to raise his hand against the precious life of our beloved President.

Yours truly in X. J. E. QUIGLEY, Bishop of Buffalo. There is only one stimulant that never fails, and yet never intoxicates - duty. Duty puts a blue sky over every man - up in his heart, maybe, into which the skylark, happiness, always goes singing.

CATHOLICITY IN CHINA.

The special correspondent of The New York Sun, writing Sept. 13, says: Peking, Sept. 13.—As indicative of bringing forward missionary questions, a document has been addressed to the Ministers, signed by high Catholics in China, setting forth the necessity for a revision of the treaty. It gives six points regarding moral measures, which, it declares, are in the interests of civilization. It asks that a search of the Chinese archives be made and that texts injurious to Christianity be suppressed. It declares that the positions acquired by the Catholics in the past will be maintained. This document is in line with Protestant joint criticism of the protocol a year ago. It exceeds the Protestant position most in desiring the realization of the rights implied in the decree of 1899, by which Catholic dignitaries acquired official rank. It is now desired that the Mandarins be compelled to deal with the Catholics first in the settlement of difficulties with converts in order to relieve France, which occupies the position of protector of the Catholics in China, from the large number of accumulating cases. This would give the Catholics large and undefined civil power to interfere with the Mandarins' liberty of action. The plan of Chang Chih Tung, Viceroy of Wuchang, that the missionaries be not allowed to confer with local officials, is combated by the best Mandarins in the Province of Chili who deal with the largest missionary interests. His plan is also condemned by the British Minister. Naturally there is a rivalry among

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several of the Powers to influence the protectorate over the Catholics. Italy has notified the Italian missionaries that she will protect them, and Germany has withdrawn her protectorate. The document above referred to declares unanimously in favor of the maintenance of the protectorate. The French Minister says that the Vatican will never consent to France relinquishing her protectorate to another Power.

FAIR AMERICAN AND THE POPE'S SKULLCAPS.

The Fall Mall Gazette of London is responsible for the following story: The Pope's wardrobe, in so far as his linen cassocks and capes are concerned, is looked after by the Nuns of the Reparation, on the solemn understanding that none of the discarded articles of wearing apparel are ever given or bartered away, a practice common enough in the pontificate of Pius IX. Leo XIII. has been known to break his own rule, and that no fewer than three times in favor of the same privileged lady, a far-persuasive American, who presented herself at the audience carrying a skullcap of the richest white satin. This she succeeded in exchanging for that of the Pontiff's well-worn one. This ruse met with a similar success on a second attempt; but, somewhat doubtful as to the result of the third, the fair American brought the new skullcap filled with golden coins as an offering to Peter's Pence. She scored again, and the Pope's staff are awaiting with some curiosity the lady's next appearance in quest of the venerable Pontiff's skullcap.

PLAIN SPEAKING AT A FUNERAL.

(From The Chicago Record-Herald.) In the little town of Palsnitz, in Saxony, lives a very original clergyman, who is known all round the neighborhood for the eccentricity of his preaching, which also abounds in personalities. A young girl, a member of his congregation, recently died. She was deeply mourned by all her friends and relations, and among the concourse at the funeral were many old aunts and uncles of the deceased maiden. The clergyman began his funeral address as follows: "Death, what have you done? Why did you snatch from our midst this charming young girl in the sweet bloom of her youth?" Then, with a gesture toward the old relatives, he continued: "Could you not rather have taken one of these old and useless members of society?"

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