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THURSDAY, SEPT 26, 1901. NEWCASTLE CATHOLIC CONFER-ENCE.

The event of last week in the English-speaking Catholic world was the vast meeting held at Newcastle on Tyne, preliminar to the annual Catholic Truth Society Conference, Seldom has so large a gathering of Catholic laymen and women been brought together in any part of the British Empire for the furtherance of an essentially religious work.

His Emmence Cardinal Vaughan presided, and his address was of course the feature of the occasion. This address is of such general interest that we propose to publish it in full in future issues of The Register, a summary appearing in this week's paper. The Cardinal was at his best in the reference to the King's declaration which closed the speech. He left no foom to doubt that English Catholics are determined to persevere in their protest against the Declaration, and in this course they will have the united body of Catholic opinion throughout the Empire supporting

This splendid meeting of Catholic ci-irens brings up more prominently than ever before the whole question of Catholic conferences and their success! There are many sincere Catholies who doubt the quality of the stimulus given by such means to 'elic action; but at all events in

ties like England, the United States and Canada, where so much of prejudice is ingrained in an ignorant class of the people, and where this prejudice is constantly catered to by caricaturists in the press and demagogues on the platform, the impression given by a great public convention of educated, active, influential Catholics cannot be denied or ignored. To be sure, if we have eyes only for the welfare of the faithful and progress of the faith we would regard success of this nature as something accidental and not entirely worthy in itself. But it is equally certain that practical good for the salvation of souls is done and religion worthy of the faith of the early Christians revealed by word and example when Catholics are thus brought into acquaintance with each other.

******* A SAD STORY FROM MONTREAL.

Mayor Prefentaine, 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. The "bad" treatment seems to have consisted in the cutting out of the "social" functions from the Montreal programme. But then Montreal took a large measure of melancholy bride in the world-wide publication of the fact that its sympathy the grief-stricken American na tion was too great to allow of much jubilation for the Duke on the funeral day of the murdered President the newspapers of Montreal, in fact, compared themselves to the sad-eyed poet whose tears were nearest to his "sincerest laughter." That is about what they said. They laughed with the Dukes in the morning and wept over the tomb of President McKinley in the alternoon. It was all most interesting and sentimental at the time: But now they think themselves cheated. If other cities had only striven to imitate the poetic grief of the Montrealers, it would no doubt have been interesting to the end. To be torn between two emotions, twin passions, so to speak, is a psychological state seldom encountered out of the pages of novels. But in order to be made the most of this romantic condition must be fashionable. world must in short be looking on and sympathizing. Now, in the case of Montreal, this is not what the world was doing at all. Not even the suburban municipality of Ottowa

"I was surprised," said Mayor Prefontaine, "to learn that the garden party in Ottawa, that was supposed to be cancelled out of respect to the inchapry of the late President of the United States, was being held as though nothing had happened. Other fractions that we were ald were to be cancelled in Ottawa are also taking place. I must frankly say that I do not tonk. Montreal has been treated well in the cancelling of its civic reception to the Duke. The cir- was right, but the offense of their

was, it seems, impressed. Listen to

Mayor Prefontaine's language when

discovering his disillusionment.

cumstances 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 Prefontante scents to forget that he has had the pleasure of his great grict for the late President. Instead of envying Ottawa in its hardness of heart he should be pitying it. He surely has heard of that pretty story with the "moral" for the young in which the little boy was in ited by evil companions to despoil the orchaid of a poor man. He besought them not to do it, but they wanted apples and would have them. "Then," said the good boy, 'though I pity the poor man, it can do him no harm if I have a few of eapples myself." He thereupon went and enjoyed himsell. Mayor Preiontaine is angry becease he did not call the citizens out to disport themselves like the bad peo-He thinks he has missed a lot of fun and has been badly treated because he was told the Ottawa "shine" would be called off,

We suppose Mayor, Prefontance 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.

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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 Catholies The Rock is an old offender in this line, but it is amusing to see how cautious all those valiant defenders of the Protestant faith are to keep clear of the libel law. The following appears in a recent issue of The Rock:

"On Saturday last, August 31st, we

received a letter from a firm of solici-

tors, stating that they were instructed by the Reverend Bernard Vaughan to commence an action against us 'for the libel contained' in our issue of the 23rd ult., and requesting the name of our solicitors for the service of the writ by return of post. The writ was duly served on Tuesday morning on our solicitors. As the statement of claim has not yet been delivered, we can on! hazard a guess as to what this action is based upon. We presume it applies to a letter from a correspondent, signed 'Pro Aris et Focis.' Although the place in which this communication appeared is a free column. and we therein expressly disclaim reponsibility for the opinions of our correspondents, it is our practice cure fully to expunge any statement which appears inadmissible, or any phrase even which seems too strongly worded In the present instance we regret to find that there is a phrase of three words which, by an oversight, was not deleted. We repudiate the view of our correspondent that this phrase is applicable to the Reverend Bernard Vaughan. We should be sorry to think that Mr. Vaughan personally could be described as 'seditious' in any popular acceptation of the word. Wondering what possible justification there could be for such a phrase, we at once telegraphed to our correspondent, who lives in a remote country district, to state at once what evidence there was, if any, to warrant its use. This correspondent telegraphs in reply that there is 'no hurry.'. We cutirely disagree with our correspondent on the point, and take the earliest possible opportunity, in this, our first issue since the oversight has come under our personal notice, of expressing

"NON-SECTARIANISM," SO-CALLED.

our regret for the publication of the

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 State Superintendent of Education, Charles R. Skirner. The Independent says:

' Some overreaching Protestants are offended because, at the close of the dedicating exercises of the new High School in Tonawanda, N. Y., Father Cronin, pastor of one of the churches, volunteered an address in which he protested against the religious features in those exercises. He declared the custom to be a violation of law and of the spirit of law, including in his criticism Bible readings, hymn singing and prayers if every description, as well as baccalaureate ser-mons. Father Cronin is right. The public schools are for Jews, and there are many thousands of them; for Catholics, of whom there are millions, and they par taxes to support our schools We have long held that religion must not be introduced into our schools, and thus supported by the State. State Superintendent Skinner was present, but he made no re-He doubtless well understood that the criticism was a just one. He has lately forbidden nuns to teach dressed in their religious garb, and he sectoring 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," but whose every action shows them to be actuated only !" the narrowest sectarian spirit.

0 0 0 "SPECIAL" REPORTIFG FOR THE

DUKE.

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

"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 'Ine Maple Leaf.' and shouted it with lusty young throats."

When we read thus far in the report we at once said "The Flancur must be in Ottawa." But reading to the end we found we were mistaken. 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, Special reporters should be at least ac-

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. Crank temperance legislation they say, did it. Cranks never know where their influence ends. Take the present legislation of France against the religious order. The withdrawal of the famous community of the Grand Chartreuse from their historic monastery near Grenoble threatens to bring ruin upon a large district which has lived and thriven for generations under the influence of the industry carried on by the Carthusians. This fact is so well recognized around Granoble that a special appeal is being made by independent persons to the French Government to make a concession, to this Order which would enable them to remain. Vast sums of money are periodically given by the "monastery to public objects in the department, in addition to the lucrative employ-ment it provides for thousands of families in its vicinity. But it is unlikely that these well-meant efforts will prove unsuccessful.

*** 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."

The day was worthily observed here; but the inevitable exceptional voice of a croaking Toronto public school trustee was heard declaring an apprehension that the American people might imagine we all wanted to be annexed.

MILITARISM AND MODERN STATES.

The visit of the Czer 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. The union between Russia and France gains by the periodic public proclamation of the fact. That between Britain and the United States, if it exist, cannot be declared lest it should break in finding utterance. But whether it be an alliance in fact, or only a good understand-ing fostered by official caution on both sides, it exhibits the same political phenomenon which we behold in the Franco-Russian alliance-a repubhe and a monarchy aiding each other for selt interest alone, and entirely indifferent to the contrast presented by their bond and free institutions. The universal spirit of militarism has rendered the modern generation in all civilized nations utterly oblivious to principles and aspirations which past generations gladiy attested

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY, OT-TAWA.

The Register publishes to-day the text of the address presented to their Royal Highnesses by St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society, Ot-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. St. Patrick's Society was invited with the other national societies of the capital city to present on address. As in duty bound an expression of loyalty and attachment to the throne was made, and the society is to be congratulated upon adding a truth that can never be too often repeated, viz.. that Irishmen, in common with all Canadians, are loyal because they have Home Rule The future King will thank St. Patrick's Society for this loyal candor, and the people of England will be the wiser for knowme that the words spoken to the heiramparent by Mr. D'Arcy Scott are but the echo of all Irish opinion throughout the Empire.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is little to show that the 10yal honors conferred in connection with the visit of the Duke were not won with Louisiana lottery tickets.

Kitchener a long time aco compared Retenency a long time and compared the war to a cricket match. Since Rolects retired from play the Kerryman has called several "overs." Botha is now at the bat and is showing himself in excellent trim.

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 Clareman. 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 fative of Cork, and the Rev P. Duifv aged 88, also a native of Ire-land. Father Duffy was Catholic Chaplain to the forces througout the Crinican 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

An Associated Press despatch from Rome says: Pope Leo XIII, has of-fered the following prayer for the soul of the late President McKinley. Incline, O Lord, Thy ear to our prayers

prayers
We, suppliants, beseech Thee trac
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 Red-The arrangements for Mr. John Red-mond's visit to America are now al-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 ex-tend beyond the leading cities of t'e 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 tosentiments manifested to-He hopes wards his august person. that copious runt will flow and their efforts, and wishes that Catholicism may increase in England. With effus-ion of heart he gives them his apos-tolic blessing."

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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 G. (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, ex-ept by the exercise of the power of disallowance."

"Christian Scientist" Perry stood in an unenviable position in the Toronto Police Court lass week. He had been treating a child who died of diphtheria. The Crown Attorney lenounced Mrs. Eddy's book on which the treatment was based as "abominable blasphemy."

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examination
"How long were you there?" asked
his Worship.
"About an hour, on the average, for
each visit."
"And you just sat still by the bed
for an abour, without doing anything
for a child suffering from diplitheria?"
"I was declaring the truth," re-

theria?"
"I was declaring the truth," replied Perry.
"Bid your treatment," asked Mr.
Curry, "include a prayer to Almighty
God asking Him to heal that child?"
"Yes," said the witness.
"After further discussion of the
"science" Mr. Curry remarked to the
"Magistrate that the practice of these

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 and 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 daily press in the language of St. Columba As an indication of the progress of popular education in the progress of popular education in the most remote localities of Ireland, Father McFadden said one very inter-esting thing. In Gweedore there are twelve schools wanch 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 pa pers of I rance anticipated the visit of the Empetor and Empress of Russia to the famous Cathedral at Rums. M Loubet, who is a Catholic, although he signed the abounnable Associations Law, approved the visit to the Cathedral, but the Freethinkers and Atheists who are around him felt and Atheists who are around him felt when in the old Cathedral of Reims, and Atheists who are around him felt when in the old Cathedral of Reims, something like Satan in a holy-water font. The Car naturally wanted to see a place where, as at Moscow, monarchs were crowned, and to admite the superb western front of the Cathedral, which all experts agree to be the finest bit of architectural work produced in the Middle Ages. He also wished to see the flask known as the "Sainte Ampoule," containing the oil, or some of it, used for the ancintiment of the Kings down to Louis XVI. The old "Sainte Ampoule," or "Ampulla Remensis," was shattered during the Revolution, but a fragment with holy oil in it is in the modein vessel. The Emperor and Empress of Russia were received inside the door of the Cathedral by His Eminence Cardinal Langenieux, Archbishop of Reims, and all his clergy.

Bishop Quigley, Buffalo, issued the following letter upon the death of President McKinley:

Buffalo, Sepc. 17th, 1901. Rev. Dear Sir:
The President of the United States and the Governors of the States of the Union have, by proclamation, de-signated Thursday next, 19th inst., as a day of national mourning and pray-er. On that day the remains of our er 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 payers should be offered up at the same time for the peace and continued prosperity of the country in this critical hour of its history. Especially should we pray for him who pecially should we pray for him who has been summoned so unexpectedly to

of the Presidency
Therefore, I order that on Thursday next, at 9 a.m., in all the churches of the diocese the 'Missa pro quacumque accessitate' be celebrated with all the solemnity which circumstances will permit. May it please Almighty God to continue IIIs loving mercy upon this favored land of ours, and preserve it from the spread of the permetous principles which prompted the das-tardly assassin to raise his hand against the precious life of our be-loved President.

assume the high and responsible office

Yours truly in Xt.,
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.

CATHOLICTY IN CHINA.

The special correspondent of The New York Sun, writing Sept 13, says:

Pekin, 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 main-

This document is in line with Protestant joint criticism of the protocol a year ago. It exceeds the Protestant position most in desiring the realiza-tion 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 or 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 Mandarius 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 AMURICAN AND THE POPE'S SKULLCAPS.

The Pall Mall Gazette of London is responsible for the following story:

The Pope's wardrobe, in so far as hir 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 gives 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 fa!r persuasive American, who presented herself at the audience carrying a skullcap of the richest white satis. This cap of the richest white satis. 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 skull-cap filled with golden coins as an offering to Peter's pence. She scored again, and the Pope's staff are awatting 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 Pulsnitz, in Saxony, lives a very original clergyrian, who is known all round the acighborhood for the recentricity of his preaching, which also abounds in personalities. A young girl, a member of his congregations recently died. She was deeply mouraed 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. "Beath, 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?" PLAIN SPEAKING AT A FUNERAL.



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