

Note and Comment.

HARD ON THE SOCIETIES.

exchange has the following piece of information: "The Lutheran ministers of Kansas City have set their faces against secret societies, one of them recently going so far as to refuse to officiate at the funeral of one of his parishioners who two weeks before his death had joined such a society."

BUNKER HILL IRISHMEN.

Here is a small item of news that might, in nine cases out of ten, be passed over as of little general interest, yet it contains a much needed lesson, and presents a very striking example for the imitation of others. It reads thus:

It is thus that the goodness and greatness of the past are kept alive.

and that the future generations are taught the story of their fathers. We need more commemorations and memorials of our worthy, distinguished, or celebrated fellow-countrymen. Their deeds constitute a legacy, and we must transmit it intact to our successors.

THE IRISHMEN EVERYWHERE.

Even in the Transvaal, even in the councils of Oort Paul, even in that little Boer Republic, the name of which has so recently claimed the attention of the world, and (if the clouds don't roll away) will continue to ring in the ears of the nations for months to come—even there do we find that an Irishman plays no insignificant part in the great political and national drama that is being enacted. The following account of Kruger's Irish Councillor will interest everyone:

"One of President Kruger's chief legal advisers in his negotiations with Mr. Chamberlain is Mr. Michael J. Farrelly, a young Irish barrister, who went out to South Africa from London three years ago. Mr. Farrelly is an expert in international law, and was frequently consulted on intricate points by eminent London lawyers. During his brief legal career in London, he secured the acquittal of a number of alleged anarchists, against whom the full force of Scotland Yard had been directed. He has, since 1894, been a practising barrister at Pretoria, and very quickly gained the confidence and friendship of President Kruger. Still in the early thirties, Mr. Farrelly is of medium height, and somewhat slightly built. He has pallid features, and keen dark eyes of remarkable brilliancy. He has an encyclopaedic memory, and great charm and courtesy of manner. His power of mastering a book and catching the tone of its author is little short of marvellous."

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THE CATHOLIC DAILY NEWSPAPER PROJECT

Ever since the disappearance of the "Post," which was the only English Catholic daily in the English language on this continent, we have been incessantly attempting to satisfy the public on the question of the establishment of another Catholic daily. In fine we have come to the conclusion that it is absolutely useless to discuss the matter; if there is ever to be a Catholic daily it will not come through those who are most inclined to criticize and to discussing the weekly that they possess. We resolved to quietly and perseveringly do our utmost, despite all obstacles, to build up our weekly. To make it a success, to bring it to a degree of influence that would challenge recognition, and we know that the secret must inevitably be a permanent daily. But, without using the term in any heretical sense, the daily must be the result of an evolution. It must come from and through the weekly. To secure such a desirable offspring the parent must be enabled to live, to enjoy strength, to develop, and to expand. In dealing with this question the able editor of the St. Louis Review, has an article which, while local in its application and allusion, is equally general, and decidedly true in its logic. He says: "Every now and then we are asked why do we not try to start a Catholic daily. Only the other day a reverend friend in Southern Illinois, in a poor country parish, offered to

subscribe a hundred dollars towards such an undertaking. Dozens more offered to do so, and painted the picture in glowing colors. But we have learned a thing or two since we started the Review. So long as there are hundreds of subscribers who will not even pay the two dollars per annum they owe us for a little weekly, remonstrating, impulsive to bills and statements, and deaf to all entreaties, we are not going to burn our fingers by undertaking the publication of a daily. As usual, the most obstinate of the plan and those from whom we have to expect least. A Western priest, who for eighteen months wrote us letters upon letters urging us to give some plan to give the country a Catholic daily, recently stopped his subscription to the Review because he had "no time to read it," sending us a dollar to cover his debt of two dollars and a half, with the remark that his consolidated contributions which were not worth a brass farthing to us and which, with our exception, we could not and did not print—would make up for the deficiency.

CANADIAN CATHOLIC READERS.

The new series of Canadian Readers, prepared for the special use of Catholic teachers in Ontario, are now before us. These books are the work of teachers named by the Bishops and the Educational Department of that Province, and have been published by the Copp, Clark Co., Rev. J. H. Teedy, M.A., LL.D., President of St. Michael's College, Toronto, had been appointed to supervise the entire work. It would be difficult, in a short space, to mention the many striking features of the series, but we might thus resume the most important of them: "The first of the two series are based on the phonic system and some of their special merits are: 1. The pictures have been drawn especially to illustrate the lessons. 2. The order of presenting the sounds is the most simple and logical, Part I dealing with all short vowel sounds, and Part II with the long. 3. The non-phonetic words of each lesson are restricted to the fewest possible, so that the harmony of the phonic teaching is not marred to any extent. 4. The second half of Part II contains a great variety of interesting lessons on nature and other studies attractive to the child. The Second and Third books are based on the idea that children learn to read with much less effort when the lessons are varied and interesting. The selections have accordingly been made so as to induce and foster a taste for good reading, the importance of which

can hardly be over-estimated. The Fourth Reader contains a wide range of selections from the best English, American and Canadian writers, chosen so that the scholar will have a pleasant and profitable introduction to those whose influence in modern character is so great. It is hoped that as a consequence he will be led to make a further acquaintance with the best literature and to share that which is worthless and even harmful. The paper, illustration, binding and general mechanical execution are up to the high standard required by the Government for the corresponding books used in Public Schools. In appreciating the work, one of our Ontario contemporaries, makes the following remarks: "Because it allows additional space for literature, and because it affords the teacher greater freedom in presenting the subject, no notes, lists of hard words, or anything but the actual lessons are given in this series. It is the purpose to make one for Parts I and II, another for Books II and III, and a third for Book IV, which will deal with the methods of Teaching, Reading and Literature, giving all possible help to the teacher in dealing with these subjects and with any difficulties in particular lessons." We have made a careful examination of the four Readers, and it seems to us that they leave very little to be desired.

Chats to Young Men.

INTEMPERANCE AND DISHONESTY. —That intemperance is one of the greatest known causes of failure of young men is unquestionable. It is the bane of the human race. Anything that will destroy, even temporarily, the power use the intuitive faculties and the judgment, is an appalling evil, and, unfortunately,

it is an evil that is largely prevalent. Dishonesty, too, is a great factor in failure. Somebody has said: "If you have the name of being an early riser, you may sleep as long as you like." To my mind that homely saying strikes the keynote to reputation and character. Reputation is acquired early in life, and a reputation for

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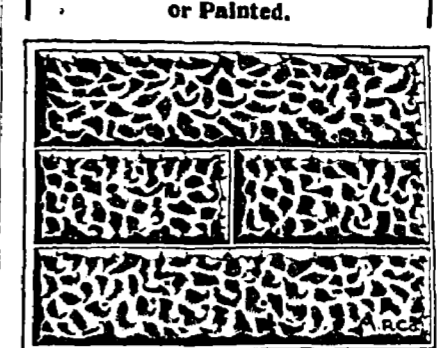
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