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THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1903.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN OF PHILADELPHIA.

With the exception, perhaps, of Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, there is no member of the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in the United States who is so well known personally in this part of Canada as the venerable Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The wonderful reverence in which Archbishop Ryan is held by his people was forcibly evidenced on Thursday evening at the Catholic High School, when in a few minutes nearly \$50,000 was subscribed as a jubilee testimonial.

The Nancy Sisters of the Good Shepherd, or as a Toronto paper maliciously styled them, "the demon nuns of Nancy," have been so much before the public of late that they claim a word of protest and self-defence.

The Reverend Mother now writes to the Paris Univers as follows: "Since the Court of Appeal of Nancy passed sentence against our Community, all the French press has been busy writing about us.

There is a growing apprehension that the course of events in France is steadily leading up to the denunciation of the Concordat.

not, the Catholic electors of France, are as inert and unconcerned for the fate of religion as they appear to have been since M. Waldeck-Rousseau initiated the campaign against the Religious Orders.

Catholic writers and observers outside France are now inquiring about some other or additional cause for this lamentable condition of the flock besides all that has been said of the undue influence of infidels, Masons and journalists in the State.

"We fear, if the whole truth comes to be told, no small share of the burden of blame must be borne by those who are responsible for the internal administration of the Church in France.

There is no mistaking this language. It implies that the clergy include the Bourbons of modern France. But Catholics in other lands cannot afford to say they are unmoved by the deplorable state of things in that land.

The gaps caused by death in the Grand Board of the C. M. B. A. have been filled. In another place we pay our tribute to the new Grand Secretary.

Never part without loving words to think of during your absence. It may be that you will never meet again in life.

I distrust both the intellect and the morality of those people to whom disorder is of no consequence — who can live at ease in an Augean stable.

CHILD EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

Catholic Times: The report of the visit to Canada organized by the Catholic Guardians' Association is very distinct in recommending the Dominion as a land where a satisfactory start in life may be provided for the boys and girls of our poor law and certified schools.

One of the anti-Catholic politicians of France, M. Urbain Gohier, has lately been visiting the United States, and like other Frenchmen, Max O'Rell, Paul Bourget, etc., he has published his experiences within the covers of a book.

The Canadian Gazette is a curious sort of review published in London. As a vehicle of public opinion its value is nil. It is a parasitic thing at best, drawing its sources of life from the Canadian Government.

Vox Urbis, in The New York Freeman's Journal, announces that the International Committee for the erection of a monument in honor of the Holy Father has so far been successful in its efforts that the proposal is now practically certain to be carried into effect.

Ireland will cordially and unitedly receive King Edward and Queen Alexandra. Queen Alexandra will be the very first Queen Consort of an English monarch who has ever visited the sister island.

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LESSONS FROM THE LIFE AND PASSION OF CHRIST

(By Rev. Father O'Bryan, S. J., Loyola College.)

Rev. Father O'Bryan, S. J., of Loyola College, preached at St. Anthony's Church, Good Friday evening a masterly discourse on "Lessons from the Life and Passion of our Divine Lord."

The eating of the Paschal Lamb, the great act of His Life, the institution of the Blessed Eucharist, the choosing of the twelve Apostles and the washing of their feet, the treachery of Judas, the one to whom He had shown so much kindness, and the great anguish of spirit experienced at the thought of the awful sufferings He was about to undergo, which made Him cry out "My soul is sorrowful, even unto death," were dwelt on, as well as the great humility shown by the Master at His Birth, Baptism and especially at His Death in the Garden of the Cross, and the betrayal by Peter, Peter sleeps and Jesus suffers. Sorrow is the lot of man.

When Christ entered into Jerusalem as a malefactor the city on that occasion contained 2,000,000 people, while the population was only 250,000. They came to jeer, sneer and blaspheme at Him. The denial of Peter was compared to the three classes of persons who are afraid to profess their faith through human respect, through commercial or social loss, or who follow afar off, afraid to be known.

Pilate tries to liberate Him, but popular favor is against it, and he stifles the dictates of his conscience and is guilty of cowardice. The mob prefer Barabbas to Jesus. Pilate's inconsistency was a figure of many persons who preferred sensual gratification, sensual pleasures, knowing that they were wrong, to the voice of their conscience.

The sudden and tragic end of Pilate, Herod, Judas, and the destruction of the Holy City, with its awful sufferings and hardships showed forth the power of God and was a just punishment to the perfidious Jews whose prayer was: "His blood be upon us and our children."

In conclusion, he exhorted his hearers to meditate often on the Passion of Christ, in order to be able to say, like the Apostle of the Gentiles, "I live now, not I but Christ liveth in me," and also to glory in nothing except in the Cross of Christ, in order to gain strength and support in the troubles of life, so that when death came, they would see Christ in His Glory.

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The Government has decided to nominate you to the See of —. It has at the same time resolved that this nomination shall be made without seeking the approval of Rome. In fact, all bishops in future shall be nominated in this way.

The Abbe was not prepared for this inauspicious proposal. "What you suggest to me," he said, "is an act of simony, for I should obtain an episcopal see under illicit conditions. This act of simony would, moreover, be open rebellion against the Head of the Church; I should be withdrawing myself from communion with the Church, and should be absolutely powerless, as an ecclesiastic, to render to the State the services it expects of me. I have no alternative but to refuse." The Abbe complained bitterly to his friend Gambetta of the insulting treatment he had received.

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