

Our Curbstone Observer

On "House-Hunting."

Last week I attempted to tell of our experience with house-hunters during the first part of that bothersome season, and I promised to give in this issue a brief account of how we found a house for ourselves.

The place; or else they enjoyed the fun of having their door-bell rung every afternoon—a contrast may be to the monotony of their ordinary daily life.

After our own experience, related in the last "Observer," we made up our minds to carefully read the notices on the doors, and to be more charitable towards our neighbors than many had been towards us, by strictly adhering to the rules laid down by such occupant for the visiting of his premises.

The first house we came upon was a self-contained one, so we passed it by. The next was a lower flat of six rooms; we did not want a lower, so we left the inhabitants of that place in peace.

But all this did not get us a house for the next year. Every evening, as we compared notes, and surveyed the prospect, we felt more and more regret that we had given up the house where we were in "The House of the Month" of March; we turned in every direction, read every notice in the press, consulted every agent, visited every kind of house that was marked "to let" and finally, found ourselves moving, without the faintest idea of where we were to go.

To make a long story short, we spent the evening and part of the night arranging how we would settle our furniture at No. 179; we even had the amount of carpets likely to be required laid out. Next day, sharp on time, we rang the bell of that upper flat.

At last, I was daily growing more dejected, my wife was becoming very nervous, and we all were stupefied into an inactivity born of the hopelessness of any effort.

One afternoon, it was the first of April. I returned home sad and thoughtful, and was about to enter the house when my eye fell upon the placard near the door. I looked twice to assure myself that it was not an April fool-trick, or some hallucination. There it was—"House to Let."

CATHOLIC EDITORS ON MANY THEMES.

ABOUT RELICS.—The New York "Evening Post" recently devoted half a column to a detailed account of certain "relics" to be displayed in the museum of a "Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen," remarks the "Sacred Heart Review."

ous pirate, James D. Jefferson, better known as Gibbs, who was born in New port, R.I., in 1794, and was hanged in the early thirties on Barron Island, where he had buried a large quantity of silver, stolen from the brig "Vineyard."

execution. Other articles are hand-mailed from the rafters of an old city hall, an iron key from the Bastille, a cane made of wood from the old "sugar-house prison" a piece of wood from the Friends' meeting-house at Flushing, L.I. The instinct that prompts the preservation of things associated with important events or notable persons, even though these be evil or criminal or tragic, seems to be inherent in our nature.

FALSE RUMORS NAILED.—The "Monitor" asks—"Why do some of our local newspapers daily devote a big chunk of their space to idiotic 'society' prattle of gurgling female reporters, who say upon the coming and going of small circles of people whose sole claim to public attention is that they are rich? Is it possible that a sufficient demand for that sort of stuff exists to justify this bit of journalistic enterprise?"

It turns out that this huge and unwieldy mass of falsehoods, so far as Protestant missionaries to draw attention from their own sins. They had been looting every place in sight and they had been caught in the act. To break the force of the charge against themselves they invented this wicked concoction against Bishop Favier. As soon as the bishop's attention was called to the yarn he emphatically denied it. Other testimony has since come to hand which absolutely refutes the absurd charge.

SEND FOR THE PRIEST.—The "Catholic Transcript" gives the following excellent advice in regard to ministering to the spiritual requirements of our sick. It says—"When a Catholic falls seriously sick, it is time to call in the priest. The administration of the sacraments is left to his judgment. Do not allow those who are dear to you to pass through the struggles of this life and meet face to face, Him who is to judge, bereft of the very life-giving consolation which he brings, constituted to meet the exigencies of the last dread conflict.

CATHOLIC POPULATION.—In commenting upon the figures published in the "Catholic Directory" in this connection, the "Catholic Journal" of Memphis, says—"It is to be regretted that there are no reliable statistics of the number of Catholics in this country, and the fault lies at the doors of the bishops and priests. Every pastor should know how many Catholics there are in his parish, and the number of same should be sent to his bishop, not to be sent to the publishers of the Directory without any trouble, forward same to the Catholic Directory publishers and we would have quite a reliable record.

TWO VIEWS OF THE LENTEN SEASON.—Neither time nor persecution, neither controversy nor the so-called enlightenment of the nineteenth century have succeeded in effacing Lent from the calendar, says Rev. George D. Heldmann. The observance of Lent is not on the decrease, but on the increase. There must be some compelling reason for this almost universally kept custom; almost universal, for we can even mention the rites of our own Mesa Pueblos of New Mexico which are entwined with fasting.

A wise provision indeed is Lent. Nature has its Lenten time, the snow clad, resting winter fields and physicians all over the world acknowledge the beneficial results of fasting. Diet goes hand in hand with medicine. Our contentions are without exception not only men and women of frail habits, but they also have stated days in which they partake of little or no food, giving the digestive organs that needed recuperation which heavy and oft partaken food makes necessary. Steamship and railroad transportation have brought the wheat and corn fields and the cattle rancher within the environment of our cities, and it has been truthfully said by travelers from beyond the sea that the Americans are an over-fed people.

bet soldiers and commanders, are and have been Catholics. It is no evidence of generosity to treat fairly the man or men upon whom your life depends, who constitute your body-guard, and without whom your existence would not be worth a moment's purchase.

THE CORONATION STONE.—Lately mention has been made, in several papers of the Coronation Stone, or Stone of Destiny, upon which all the British monarchs since Edward I. have been crowned. They tell how that monarch took the stone from the Scottish people and carried it to England. But no mention that the same stone came from Ireland to Scotland.

A LITTLE TOO PATRONIZING.—Since the first time that Rev. Father Fallon, of Ottawa, drew attention to the coronation oath, Rev. J. F. Gorman, an enthusiastic divine of that city, has constituted himself a defender of the oath as it now exists. He delivered a sermon on Sunday, the 17th February, in Grace Church, Ottawa, in which he attempted to justify the language of the coronation declaration.

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THE DANGERS OF THE PRESS.—Some weeks ago we clipped the following comments from the editorial columns of a Catholic organ; in view of recently ascertained facts that show the exactness of the writer's conjectures at that time, we consider it timely to reproduce some of his remarks. He said—"Last week our daily papers gave through the associated press a statement to the effect that the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria was about to wed an actress, that he was procuring a divorce from her husband, so that she could freely marry the Emperor; that she had had an interview with His Holiness, who perfectly agreed to the project, and who at the end of the 'paternal' interview gave his 'lasting benediction to the actress seeking a divorce.

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