en our fair land is religious war. It

is the death-knell to its glorious con-

stitution—the death knell to its

peace and prosperity Catholics never will provoke religious war, never will

give to it cause or countenance. We claim our rights to religious freedom

the same rights we gladly recognize

in our fellow citizens. As we wish

that they should treat us, so will we

treat them. We respect conscience

in others, as we wish others to respect it in us. We defend our faith,

as need to defend it arises—always, however, with the arms of truth and

peace—never admitting rancor into

ourhearts, or fraudor deceit upon lip

or pen. Let adversaries do as they will: ours at all times to be towards

our fellow-citizens, whatever some be towards us, the true Catholics,

and the true Americans."-True

PIUS X.

The murderous war now raging has claimed its most exalted victim. Pope

Pius X. is dead. Old and weak in health, he could no longer bear the

strain of Christendom's self-destroy

ing strife. His last official act was to

world to pray for the speedy return of peace, and his last words were

spoken in thankfulness that he would

not be obliged to see the horrors

His ascent from a humble parish to

of Catholicism. The great

the papal throne is not strange in the

church is a true republic; she takes her leaders where she finds them,

from the ducal palace or from the tenement of the duke's baker. But

seldom even in church history has a

man so utterly without ambition

Almost every promotion that Pius received was literally thrust upon him. He had misgivings when raised

to a bishopric; he protested against being made cardinal; and he begged

his fellow cardinals not to elect hir

Pope. It was no lack of ability that

ingrained modesty, which even a life of uninterrupted success in his

His reign as Pope has been stormy

and the papacy came less than a year

revolution in Portugal inflicted much

suffering on a large and loyal section of the clergy. The standing dispute with the Italian government remains

as Pius found it. But there has been

no loss of Church solidarity, no

weakening of Church discipline;

and the organization which Macaulay

pronounced most worthy on earth of

eminence and power.-Chicago Jour-

THE DEAD SEA

THE TRUTH ABOUT THIS RE-

Owing to the deadly character as-

cribed to it by innumerable legends

that poisonous exhalations arise

are suffered by breathing the atmos-

phere, that no bird can fly over it

without injury, that in its center is

an abyss into which the accumulated

waters of the Jordan disappear, and

others equally extravagant which

have been current from the earliest ages, have all been proved by scien-

tific investigation and explanation to

markable sea, are, however, wonder

ful enough without the aid of super

stition. It is a sheet of water of sim-

ilar shape and dimensions to those of the Lake of Geneva, being about

orty-seven miles in length and nine

and a half miles wide at the widest

part. It is bounded on the west and

on the east by precipitous and bar-ren mountains which, on the west or

Jerusalem side, rise to 2,500 feet, and

on the east or Moab to 3,500 feet. It

lies in this trough like depression

1,300 feet below the level of the Meditteranean and 3,794 feet below

the City of Jerusalem. It is the

most depressed sheet of water in the world. At the northeast corner, not far from the mouth of the Jordan, it

is 1,300 feet deep; at the southern extremity, only 13 feet. Into this lake the waters of the Jordan from

the north, of the Zerka and the Arnon from the east, and of the Kar-

ahy from the south, the Engedi from

the west, with a few smaller streams

empty themselves. From scientific observations it is estimated that dur-

ing the year a daily average of six and a half million tons of water is

poured into the lake. There is no outlet, and the level of the water is

maintained by evaporation alone. In

the early spring it is from 2 to 3 feet

The scientific facts about this re-

it has been named the " Dead

the Plain" and the

be pure myths.

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Father Egan left to take charge of

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he will be greatly missed by the Catholics of Thorold, who wish him

every success in his new field of

THE POET'S ANSWER

Thomas Moore, the poet was the

slightest "pushing" on his part, his genius and the unaffected charm of

his manner made a host of friends for him in the highest circles of

English society.
When he was at the very height of

his fame, when all London went mad

over his ballads and his personality, an envious snob undertook to humili-

ate him one evening at a banquet.

had been applauded by the diners, the

cad, fixing his monocle in his eye, leaned across the table and drawled

impertinently in a voice meant to

carry his meaning well around the table: "Pray, sir, was not your

Moore smilingly responded, "Ay,

Still smiling Moore counterqueried

Was not your father a gentleman,

"O caose, my fatha was a gentle-

"Then why," demanded Moore

THE KINEMATOGRAPH

The following account (by "L. R."

of an interview with Father Bernard Vaughan, S. J., has appeared in

Leaders of various religious de-

America have recently been paying

great attention to the kinematograph

as a medium of teaching social serv

which is shortly visiting London.

In this country that versatile and

screen the story of the Lourdes Grotto, under the title of "Our Lady

of Lourdes and Bernadette." Father

Vaughan bears such a reputation for

plain speaking and practical doing that this latest example of his energy

challenges our interest. Accordingly

I called upon him to hear his views

I found him in the midst of prepara-tions for a three weeks' visit to Strathpeffer, in the Highlands. Said

"If the picture theatre will only live up to its mission, I for one, will

welcome it with both hands. Curi-

ously enough, the picturedrome has

broad-mindedness inevitably

sir, my father was a grocer."
"Then, pray, why deed he noat

son of a Dublin grocer.

father a grossah ?"

sir ?'

make a grossah of you?"

evening was a presentation to the

ENGLAND LOSING HER IRISH ing the badge of the Holy Name Society, and although absent in

Seumas MacManus in a recent brief article, contends that the British army is not what it used to be—the loss of Irish soldiers is being felt and desperate efforts fail to have them enlist and England has got to swallow her army or her army will swallow her. He claims the British soldier at one time was the finest fighting man in Europe, because in him shone with lustre that pre-eminent fighting qual ity, stupidity. He also tells this in-cident worthy of repetition, as a sample of the Englishman's mind

sample of the Englishman's limit towards the Liberal party: "Sitting down to dinner at a hotel in Canada, lately, I found a typical, respectable, florid faced Briton opposite to me. And, knowing that merri ment aided eppetite, I in the most innocent fashion I could contrive, asked him what he thought of Lloyd George. The provoking question almost threw the poor man into an apoplectic fit. When he came back the ceiling and regained control of his speech, he sputtered out, 'D-Lloyd George, sir! He's no clawss, Lloyd George, sir, is a donkey, sir.'

"Indeed," I said, soothingly as I could. And added quietly, I wish I had a stable full of such donkeys." He retorted, 'I wouldn't put such

donkeys in my stable.'
"'No.' said I, 'I observe that you put all your donkeys in the House of

Whereupon the table mate sud denly languished."--Catholic Colum-

PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER EGAN, THOROLD

considerable number of the members of the Holy Name Society met in the Thorold Catholic Club blandly, "pray why did he not make a gentleman of you?" Building on Friday evening to bid farewell to the Rev. Father Egan, who for the past two years has been acting as curate in Thorold, and who since the formation of the Thorold Holy Name Society, has acted as its

Spiritual Director.
President Edw. P. Foley read suitable address on behalf of the Holy Name Society and the congregation of the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, after which Treasurer John McMabon presented ather Egan with a purse of gold.

Short addresses, expressive of the spective beliefs. In the latter coun-Father Egan with a purse of gold.

deep regret felt at the departure of | try several reverend gentlemen have one who had endeared himself to even turned their hands to picture every member of the Thorold con- play-writing, the most successful be gregation, were made by Rev. Father ing a well known divine, the Rev. Sullivan, Mayor Joseph Battle, Mr. Madison Peters, who is responsible, William Cartmell, Mr. David Battle. among other works, for a stirring Mr. Frank Manley and Mr. James film version of the story of Daniel,

Father Egan, who was completely taken by surprise, returned his stalwart priest, Father Bernard heartfelt thanks for the unexpected Vaughan, has just adapted for the kindness shown him. He remarked came to Thorold a week after he had been ordained to the holy priesthood, and after two years and seven months with the Thorold people he formed acquaiutanceships which he trusted would be as lasting as life itself. He spoke kind and earnest words regarding the Holy Name in whose charge it had been placed by our reverend Pastor, Rev. Father Sullivan. The Society now has a membership of one hundred and sixty, the larger portion of the men of the parish being its members. an edifying spectacle once a month large numbers of men arrived just when there is every approaching Holy Communion wear- where a demand for present and im

mediate gratification of the senses.

As an observer of mankind, I cannot help recognizing that human nature has been been senses.

Listened to and that justice will be done. We know the real American —and he is the legion. For his sake help recognizing that human nature is drawn away from virtue to vice mostly through the senses, more explanation is required, or to especially through the windows of parry a blow, where the neglect of resistance would seem an act of disresistance would seem an sight.
"If we are to lead people back to

lives of noble doing, we, too, must ardice in defending it. With the verdraw them through the senses; if dict of our fair minded fellow citigross pictures, if scrofulous litera-ture, if indecent plays, if brutal shows are sapping the good that is in us, surely it is the mission of the picturedrome to inspire, through the story of noble lives reproduced on screen, the rising generation in the spirit of something attempted something done, for the betterment of themselves and their fellows.

THE NEW SCHOOLBOOM

"I only wish I had control of picturedrome in every centre of industry. I would convert it into a great schoolroom, in which I should hrow across the screen selected stories from Holy Writ and from history-more especially of my own

"Should I object to religious films being shown in church to illustrate person he would be present in spirit on the Societies communion Sunday. the sermon? Most certainly I should. The kinematograph is a servant, and must keep its place. I would not object, however, to religious films reverend gentlemen, by the altar boys of the church of our Lady of the being shown in church to children out of service-time.

With regard to foreign missions, cannot conceive anything more elpful that Edison's wonderful invention. It has always been the practice of Catholic missionaries to instruct the infidel through the medium of pictures; with films at their disposal they would attract magnetize, and capture their audiences. I wish we could finance some such scheme which would enable our foreign missionar ies to exchange moving pictures with one another. Here you have sermons preached in a language common to all the different nationalities

It should be added that "Our Lady of Lourdes and Bernadette." which s enacted entirely by devout Cathoic players, is an inspiring film in thirty-one scenes—the exhibition of which lasts about fifty minutes. Some of the exterior scenes were taken in Richmond Park, though no one who sees the picture would ever im agine the locale to be other than France.

DUTIES OF CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP

In his address to the Knights of Columbus at St. Paul, Archbishop Ireland dwelt upon the opportunities and the duties of the Catholic laity. Concerning the duties of citizenship

"What will the typical Catholic be as the citizen of America? The most loyal of America's citizens—lov ing deeply his country, giving glad-some obedience to its laws, prompt to uphold its honor and security in e and in war. For the son of the Church patriotism is no mere senti ment no mere consideration of personal interest; it is a duty of concience, of religion, for the fulfilment of which account must be made to the Almighty Judge, the Lord of men and of nations. The mandate o Scripture is plain: 'Let every soul be subject to higher powers: for there

The Catholic conscience compele compels, also, righteousness in the use of the privilege allowed by the constitution of the land in making of its laws. The privilege is a sacred trust, upon the proper use of which depend the safety and the life of the full intent of the power that grants it, the welfare and sound government of the nation.

"It is well to freshen in our rethe appellation by which it is now generally known. The wild theories membrance the obligation of concience resting upon citizens to serve God while serving the country in from its surface, that baneful effects front of the electoral urn or in the halls of state and national legislature It is sometimes said, all is fair in politics; and the citizen is to be found. who, a strict believer in conscience with regard to private conduct and the immediate commands of religion, imagines that the moment he steps as a public official, conscience ceases. This is a notion most false, most perverse. It is, indeed, a fundamental point in the teaching of the Church that the two principalities, the civil and the ecclesiastical. are distinct and separate in their spheres, the one having no right to control whatsoever over things appertaining to the other. But in one sphere as well as in the other, the Eternal God reigns. and man must hearken to the laws of righteousness and of justice of which conscience makes proclamation. Conscience ever reigns and ever must obtain reverence and submission whether in private or public life. There is no twofold soul, no

twofold code of morals. I fain would refuse the honor even of a passing mention to the charges of disloyalty to America, its constitution and laws, repeatedly leveled against Catholics, so groundless are those charges, so basely insulting to the principles we teach, to the facts in our civil and political life. Nor do I think it could serve a purpose to argue for a moment against them. Nothing is gained from the men who make those charges, however much you prove them to be in the wrong. They are too deeply imbedded in pre-judice to be able to preceive the truth or too voluntarily blind to admit they are in error. To the fair mindedness of the average American we commit our cause, confident that with him it will be impartially

After a scanty season's rainfall the rise may be less than a foot, says a writer in the Oriental Traveller's Gazette. Evaporation is very rapid because of the intense heat, the dry atmosphere, and the dry winds which are constantly blowing down respect towards the truth or of cowfrom the gorges between the mountains. This evaporation causes haze or mist to hang over the lake at all times, so that the mountains are "The blackest evil that could dark-

rarely seen with distinctness. The water is very nauseous owing to the enormous amount of mineral salts held in solution. Ocean water contains 4 per cent. salt, the Dead Sea 20 per cent. : but it is a beautiful blue color, and so transparent that objects at the bottom to a depth of 20 feet can be clearly distinguished. The human body floats in it without exertion, and can only be submerged by an effort. The water is sticky to the touch, and when dried, leaves a coating of salt and other chemicals on the flesh of bathers. Fish placed in it expire almost immediately. The sea is usually perfectly calm the water being so heavy that only a strong wind can disturb it.
In June of last year, Mr. J. E Spafford and other members of the American Colony at Jerusalem, made

a tour of the Dead Sea in the motor-boat that has recently been placed on its waters. They spent a week in circumnavigating the lake and some interesting notes on the voyage were published in a recent number of the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society. Among the places visited was Masada, or Seb-bah as it is called to day, the scene of the most desperate and terrible tragedies that ever occurred in human history. It is an immense rock thrown out of the mountain to which it belongs, inaccessible except by winding paths which were chiselled out of the rock and are so narrow that men climb only in single file. On the top of it Jonathan Maccabeus built a fortress, a castle, a palace, a chapel and other buildings, and surrounded them with a high wall with handsome gateways. Herod the Great occupied it with his bride, Mariamne, in the year 42 B. C., and decorated the palace in the most luxurious manner. He paved the courtyards with colored mosaics the designs of which can still be He hewed cisterns out of the rock for a water supply and caverns for storing up provisions. turies afterward stores which Herod

found in good condition.
In 70 A. D., when Jerusalem fell, the garrison fled here and was besieged by the Romans, Flavius Silva, one of the generals of Titus, built a wall of stone level with the edge of the rock, upon which he placed battering rams, and after several years' siege succeeded in making a breach in the walls. Rather than submit to capture the garrison killed each other. Ten men were drawn by lot to fall upon the rest and slay each other after they had set fire to the palace and other buildings. The last man saw the flames burning fiercely before he fell upon his own sword and died. When the Romans searched the place after its destruction they found a half crazed woman and five children still alive, the only survivors of a population of some thousands. Mr. Spafford says: "At the foot of the tableland two miles from the sea can be seen the Roman wall of circumvaliation and the two MARKABLE BODY OF WATER Roman camps on either side of the Many are the names by which this small ravine. A more inhospitable mysterious sea is known, many the wild an extravagant legends, conplace or one more disadvantageous

sealed up in these caverns were

to besiegers could not be imagined. nected with it. In the Talmud it is spoken of as the "Sea of Sodom," in Usdum, at the southwestern angle of Josephus as "Lake Asphadtities," the lake, a mountain of pure crystal-ized salt some five miles long, rising in Scripture it is called the "Sea of to a height of 500 feet, and contain-Salt Sea." ing an immense cave which the party explored to the extent of 200 yards. "The approach to this mountain presents most fantastic appearances of walls, buttresses, parapets, pro jecting towers, etc., caused by the strat-ification and lay of the salt boulders." Of the magnificent gorge of the River Arnon, which separated the territory of Moab from Ammon, the write This certainly contains the says : finest natural scenery in Palestane. The sides of the canyon-which we cenetrated for about half a mile probably farther than any one else has yet explored it—rise perpendicu-larly about 800 feet and are only about 20 feet apart, here over hanging, there overlapping and dovetailing into one another, as though this mighty mass had been violently rent asunder to allow the seething stream of the Arnon, with its cascades and whirlpools access to the sea. Words cannot describe, nor can the camera portray, much less the painter depict, the exhaustless variety and beauty of the veining and tracery in the richly shaded sandstone forming the sidecliffs of this gorge. Just beyond this can-yon there is a striking formation in the rock, looking very much like a stately queen's figure, silhouetted against the sky, which the natives call "Bint Sheikh Lut (the daughter of Sheikh Lot.) recalling Lot's wife -St. Paul Bulletin.

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