

IRISH PRIESTS AND PEOPLE.

The Rev. Michael Phelan, S. J., Lincolnton, preached a singularly eloquent and instructive discourse on the occasion of the ordination of the Rev. J. Murphy in his native parish church at Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath.

very dogs were taught to track his blood. But neither gyves nor gibbets will hold him back. Ireland is in Gethsemane and the comforting angel will fly to her side.

and commerce are penetrating every land. That language the Irish are conserving to the service of Christ and in the wake of English enterprise is flowing the full tide of Ireland's apostolate.

have undoubtedly benefited the morality of her people. The first that that unmarried young men sleep in one village set apart for them.

held in respect, and many deeply regret not to have known the truth long ago. In the Solomon Islands the Marist Brothers had, happily, nothing to fear but the club of the cannibal on the fever.

the centre of Christian unity, endangers his spiritual welfare. "Los von Rom" "Los von Petrus" it means separation from the Catholic Church.

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LESSONS OF HISTORY.

If history teaches any lesson, it is the vanishing nature of territorial conquest. Rome, Greece, Assyria have passed away, and the proudest kingdoms of to-day will follow.

CATHOLIC LIFE

In the South Sea Islands.

The wonderlands of the South Sea are surrendering to the sweet and civilizing influence of Holy Church. Priests and nuns are to be found in all the islands sharing the hardships of the missionary life.

FAMINE DAYS.

The penal nightmare has passed away and the third period opens. Another roll of time's canvas and a new dark chapter unfolds itself. The wing of a destroying angel is sweeping over the land, and under its shadow corpses are piled.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

At the Vatican Council of '70, seven hundred and sixty-seven mitred heads circled around the Chair of Peter. These seven hundred and sixty-seven bishops represented thirty different nations.

THE FLAME OF FAITH.

Girded in giant strength, her apostolic arms but waited the trumpet blast. Faith marched to fan the flame of a dying Faith or enkindle it anew. Their conquests over the rude savage, the revived Faith and restored sanctuaries, the cathedral domes and monastic schools that quickly dotted the face of Europe.

PENAL DAYS.

Europe for four centuries rang with the fame of Ireland's apostolic arms. What a saintly drama passes before our enraptured vision! We see Aidan preaching to the Northumbrians, with a king for his interpreter; Virgilius proving to the astonished scholars of Germany the rotundity of the earth and the existence of the antipodes eight centuries before the Magellan double the Cape.

SAVED THE RACE.

There was one power and one power alone to save the race—the priest. Denied that education at home that he so freely shared with others, he goes abroad. He is ordained, he turns his face towards Ireland, but he is outlawed; the same price offered for his head and the head of a wolf. He could scarcely approach a town without seeing the skeleton of a brother priest dangling from a gibbet or a grinning skull staring him from the spikes of the city gates.

THE "LOS VON ROM" CRUSADE.

The Austrian correspondent of the Liverpool "Catholic Times," in a recent letter, says:—Until recently it looked as if the elections then going on (the elections to the Landtag) were giving the "Los von Rom" movement a new stimulus.

REACTICAL FERDINAND.

She was in the first blush of the honeymoon's happiness. He was there with her, but he was a man, and it didn't stick out all over him so. He was leanless, too, and she was sentimental. They were dining out, and the conversation turned on untimely deaths.

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