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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."-

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Lent and Its Challenge.

Last week we spoke of Lenk as one of the cures of Cant or hypocrisy and meant to be understood somewhat in this sense. As symptoms of disease disappear of their own accord as soon as the system is restored to sound health, so Cant, which is but the sound of hollowness and insuscerity in the religious nature, drops out of notice and is heard no more in those who strive to be honest with God and themselves.

Now is there any such himg as housety in religion possible without watchfulness, care and pains? Is nature so enamoured of virtue, and so little liable to depart from the straight lines of goodness, justice and rectitude, that it may be safely left to its own instinctive guidance? Why the constant clamour against wrongdoing, corruption, sin, if we are quite powerless to stem the tide bearing these in upon us?

When fire has got such full possession of a burning building that there is no chance to extinguish it, onlockers fall back listlessly, depioring the catastrophe indeed, but how different their behaviour, how they plan and hurry and work, sparing noither pains nor risk, when they see a chance of controlling the destroying element, and saving property?

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All comparisons fall a little short of their purpose, but this is not a bad illustration of the state in which we find ourselves. We are in the midst of dangers from within and without, irresolute and weak, yet playing for a stake which is nothing short of eternity. The way, indeed, is opened before us, for redemption is universal, but it depends upon ourselves whether we walk in the narrow path that leads to salvation, or be carried along with the heedless rowd, on the broad road which ends in everlasting misery. ids in everlasting misery. And since it must be either the one or

the other of these endings—for there is no mean—common sense crics out as well as religion, for the highest assurance we can get that our steps are directed aright, and carrying us every moment towards heaven. Surely, in moment towards heaven. Surely, in this at least no room should be left for avoidable mistakes. Surely the whole matter should be steadily locked into, not with the gross eye of nature, but with the keen far-reaching gaze of

And what is the first thing, or at least one of the first things, faith reports? That it is an easy sake we are engaged in? Surely not, or it would not have so much to say about the straight way, and the narrow gate; nor dwell, with such iteration upon the necessity of denying ourselves daily, taking up the cross and following, not the instincts of nature, but the hard, uphill road that leads to Calvary. What means the brief but comprehensive direction "Be ye like Me," unless, there is a call to copy His ways? And where is the likeness or beginnings of a likeness between a life of easy-going comfort, with what of luxury we can command, thrown in, and the bleak, bare crit wherein He began His earthly career, or the bleaker, barer cross whereou He ended it?

Indeed if we were not so used to it.

Here, as has been said above, all risks of self-decoption should be avoided. Here, a mistake is of everlasting consequer , yet, to all scenning, is casily enough made. The world with its allurements of westin and place and power, pride of the heart, the beauty of men and comolness of women, weakness, selfishuess, passion and all the rest, is it a small matter to moet and master the whole of them? There is one way surely of doing it, with complete success, and it is to make us certain that that is the way we are following, and not paths of our own choosing titast the Church, with touder solicitude, calls us around her, two or three times week, for the whole time of Lent, a week, for the whole time of Lent, a to make our duty so clear that the claims of self-respect may be added to the power of virtue, in turning ourselves in the right direction.

dden Death of President Faure,

the room of an action and the study, and said: "I do not feel well. Come to mo."

Felix Francois Faure, President of France, was born in Paris, Jan. 20, 1841, and was quite a self-made man. He removed the self-made man and the self-made in man and the success he self-made in man and the success he self-made of the self-made in man and the success he self-made made in man and the success he self-made made in man and the success he self-made made in the self-made made in the self-made made in the self-made made in the self-made made.

And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath
And siars to set—but all—
Thou hast all seasons for thine own,
O Death!"

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Dosolom chantof Requiem Mass, the black vestments of the celebrant. Alter welled in mourning and the sacred while of the house of God with their mourning at the secret when the secret with their mourning at the departure of her who has been lately taken from amongs her members but taken we have good reason to hope from the members of the church militant on earth to move for all eternity among those of the church militant on earth to move for all eternity among those of the church triumphant in heaven. While we sympathize with the family and friends and offer our last tribute to her remants weare compelled at the same time to say the conviction is forced upon us that all is not distributed to her remants weare compelled at the same time to say the conviction is forced upon us that all is not distributed by the same time to say the conviction in the same time to say the same time to save the same time to save deplore. I shall not dilate on her virtues, you have seen and observed them. I have but heard them related and I am sure they amply justify our hope that they have earned for her an immortal crown. I am not going to give you enlogy, nevertheless I should hope that on all you who know her life and virtues show will not be lost re an example. What I purpose to do is to sak you that as you have followed her remains to the grave you will follow with me in spirit her soul into that land which it has reached in reality.

Whither has the could that but a few days ago animated this corpse taken its flight? It has passed, as we shall all not all years of lower than the same time to house of Elernity. We make the same to have the same to h

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We have further to reflect that whilst elemity is to last forever, it is to be without a most of the property of the pr

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"Geralddilla" the inome of the Fitz
gerald family, Mount St. Louis, has been
overshadowed by the death of Mrs.
F. Ellard, who died Feb. 2nd at her
home in Norway, Michigan, at the per
mature age of thirty-five years. She
had a severe attack of la grippe, which
after a short illness of six days ended
fataily. Mrs. Ellard was a deughter of
the late John Fitzgerald and a noble
woman of cultures and refinement. Widel
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section plunged in mourning; and a bland
in the receipt of the sal news of her
illness, Miss Nellie Fistgerald left for
Norway and arrived in time to attend
her in her last moments. The remains
were conveyed to Phelpaton, Ontario,
where they were met by a large number
of old friends who sorcowfully followed
them to her birth-places at Mount St Louis
fermes of the life which has just
closed. The funeral took place on Tiese
day morning 7th Feb. and was attended
by a large concourse of people who filled
the church to overflowing. The pallbearers were: Messra. O'Neil, Labey,
Loftus, Shanahan, Hadyn and Moran.
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when his tears one by one, at the rate of one in a thousand years, should not only fill up the seas and oceans again but drown the universe to the highest star; and O rich glutten! Where are you now? At the end of your sufferings? Alas no! through you reafferings? Alas no! through you sufferings? Alas no! through any portion of your sufferings? Alas no! through any portion of your sufferings? All of the your sufferings are the your sufferings and the your sufferings are the your sufferings and the your sufferings and the your sufferings and the your sufferings and your sufferings. The more thread of life, while the sword of God's justice is raised to out that thread at any moment. And if that rail thread the other and store your sufferings. The more thread of life, while the sword of God's justice is raised to out that thread at any moment. And if that rail thread at any moment and and suffering the principles beyond description and the your sufferings. The more thread of life, while the sword of God's justice is raised to out that thread to the kingdom of heaven, where joy unlawe but to repent to become an heir to the kingdom of heaven, where joy unlawe but to repent to become and heir to the single of the your you bead thread the set of the decision of the least Mrs. Eliard in

lu Memoriam.

Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Annie Maria Russill who died Feb. 16, 1898, also of John Thomas Russill, son of the above who died Feb. 16, 1898, also of John Russill, father of John Thomas who died March 3its. 1898. On their souls and those of all the faithful departed, sweet Josus have mercy.—Amen.

Guelph, Feb, 14.—One by one the human landmarks around us are being removed by the hand of death. The present season has been especially marked by the passing away of many which have been regarded as the honored pioneers of the district. Another name has been reduced as the honored pioneers of the district. Another name has been added to the tablet on which are recorded the names of those who may well be termed "The Fathers and Mothers in larsel," by the death of Mrs. Thos. Frinegan less week. The decossed lady was born August 5, 1839 on the father added the man which are with the neighborhood or which the write the warding day last June. A year ago less Christmes a bappy re-union of the family took place, which was at especial happiness to the parents, who had lived to see their early treats result; in such abundant proof of domestic love and happiness. Some of the family had not met for nearly twenty years.

The decoased lady leaves, to mourn their irreparable loss, her husband and eleven children. These are Mrs. John Cooney, of Winnipeg; Mrs. John Kelly, Cannington, Mrs. Peter Griffin, Toronto; Margaret R., Chicago; Aguses and Rose, Thomas J. and Joseph, at home; James F., Chicago; Wm. P., Buffalo; Frank, Pittaburg, Pa.; and two sisters, Mrs. Cornelius O'Counor, Guelph, and Mrs. Fatrick Moran, Pilkington. All the members of the family, except Mrs. Cooney, were privileged to reach home in time for the last sad offices, which took place at Guelph on Saturday last. The service in the Charlot of manually severe, a large number of friends gashored to the decoased face of the family will remain her or some days yet.

Mrs. Finnegan has been a great sufferer from

in her daily life. She has passed away from our midst, but her kindly momory will endure.

It is with feelings of deep regret we amounce through the columns of Time Cattroit. Resource the death of James Connor, son of John Toronto our Cathis place, which said event to death of James Connor, son of John Toronto our St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto our St. Michael's Connor, and thence conveyed to the father's considence. The unceral left there at 1 o'clock p.m. on Sunday to St. Patrick's Cemetery, Melancthon and notwithstanding the inclemency of the day was one of the largest which ever entered that burying ground, friends and neighbors coming from far and near to show their respect for the dead and sympathy for the living. The casket was laden with flowers among which there was a wreath, from the brothers and sisters of deceased. The pall bearers were: P J. Breen, P J. McChe, M. J. McChe, John Russell, John McDowell and Thos. Notherout. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Father Coty of Dundalk and then and impressive silence broken only by the heart rending sobs of the bereaved parents, brothers, sisters and friends, the earthly romains of James Connor were consigued to deat to await a glorious resurrection. The decessed was 28 years of age, was one of nature's noblemen, sail, straight and handsome, with a pleasant and sunny smile for all. He was highly respected by all who knew h

Role.

Winness, February 15.—Speaking before the Liberal Association here, Promise Greenway made the following reference to the school question.

"There were people who, at the present of the state of the foregramming and their business to east simulations at the Government's stitlinde on the foregramming a stitlinde on the statistic of the state of Fubic schools. These people did not a to say a dependent of the position it had all how we denoted in the position it had all the state of the stat

The Govennment stood to day where it has always stood since the passing of the Pablic School Act. Its aim was to make the people of this province one in education and one in helping to develop the country and it would brook no interference in carrying out its policy along these lines."

Si. Mary's Literary and (thietic Association.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 1.4 a high class concert under the auspices of St. Mary's Catholic Literary and Athletic Association was held in St. Andrew's Hall. The attendance was both overflowing and representative, and the entertainment most successful. The music was throughout well chosen and the artists were all thoroughly qualified to render the excellent programme without fault. The Very Rev. Administrator, Father McCann, the patron and most active friend of the association was present as well as the following priests: Fathers Doilard, Minchan, William McCann and Sheridan. Alderman Burns was chairman, and took cocasion to make complimentary remarks upon the progress of the association and the necessity and excellence of the objects aimed at by its promoters. He said that the elders of the Catholic colmunity had talked a great deal about the benefits of a Catholic cloth, but the young men of St. Mary's parish had put their had to the work and as it devolved upon them to show that such an institution was possible they might count upon the encouragement of all who had. The highest had be the interests of the young men. The haddes who contributed to the entertainment as complished pianists whose numbers and accomplished pianists whose numbers and accomplished pianists whose numbers and accompaniments were greatly marked the list. The committee of the second programme gave the vocal sole and programme

British America Assurance Company.

The old "British America." like other companies doing business in fire and marine insurance, has had heavy obligations to meet by way of losses during 1898. Still the earnings of the year were more than sufficient to pay of all olaims thus occasioned and leave enough to pay the usual dividends to the shareholders. We publish a summary of the annual report of the company in another column. It is enouraging of renuewed activity for 1896 and an increase of business largely in excess of the most prosperous years of the "British America."

Kingston Diocesan Appoint

our or Soars.—Symptoms, Hesdach loss of appetite, furred tongue, and get oral indiaposition. These symptoms, neglected, develop into acute disease. It is a strie asying that an 'onnee prevention is worth a pound of ours, and a little attention at this point ma aave monthe of siokness the string of the strength of the string of the strin