****************** THOUGHTS OF HOLY WEEK

(By a Regular Contributor.) ***********************

HOLY THURSDAY .- Next week will be Holy Week, the last of the season, and the most important of all the year, since it is memorative of the most striking events in the history of our redemp Holy Thursday is the day that witnessed the establishment of the Church. Upon that momentous occasion, when partaking of the Last Supper, Our Divine Lord sent forth His Apostles, giving to them the mission to establish His Church all over the earth, to preach, to convert, to administer the Sacraments was that night, before Judas had performed his act of perfidy, and before the tragic scenes in Gethsemane's Garden took place, that Christ livered His last will, and gave His final instructions, to all who were to begin the perpetuation of mighty work He was about to com-

On Holy Thursday the Redeemen broke bread and handing it to chosen few, performed the miracle of transubstaniation. At that moment for the first time, were the words, "This is my body," pronounced; and immediately the Eucharistic Sacrament was created. This, next to His death, was the greatest act of superhuman love that the Son of God could perform. He thereby guaranteed us His perpetual presence in the Sacrament of our altars. The institution of the Blessed Sacrament was It was followed, alnot enough. most immediately, by the words, "go ye and do likewise," go and preserve r the human race the food that is of the soul for its salvation; go and be the priests of the Church; go and represent, in a visible manner, ever present but invisible Head of the Church He there and then, created the order of the Priesthood; He bequeathed His power to St. Peter and his successors. The Sacrament Holy Orders came into existence on the occasion of that great ordination

under the new dispensation. No wonder then that the day is call ed Holy Thursday. The kiss of Iscariot told the master that numbers of traitors would follow the example of the fallen Apostle, and receive unworthily the precious gift of His Body and Blood. The weakness and denials of St. Peter prefigured priests and guardians of souls that would some day fall away from the awful graces they had received, would deny the Truth that had been given to them. But Christ also be d, down the vista of centuries, the pious and fervent millions noble. communions of reparation would ascend, like incense, to heaven, and the vast army of His sacerdotal soldiers that would "fight the good fight" on the field of existence In truth it is a day of sacred and holy memories, and one upon which all faithful Catholics should pay special honor to the Eucharistic presence, and renew their devotion wards the Vicar of Christ and their confidence in the priesthood that He established. Thereby will they pre- and to suffer over again the horrors pane themselves for a worthy celebration of the still more tragic events reserved for the following and closing days of the grace-burdened period of Holy Week. Let us then, on Thursday, pause to reflect upon the myste commemorated and upon unfathomable love that dictated the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood! Without the latten the former could not be perpetuated; and without the former we would have but a cold, hollow, meaningless creed one that would be despoiled of its choicest treasure—the perpetual sence of Jesus Christ in our taber-

GOOD FRIDAY,-The saddest and ost glorious day of all the year The day of twilight grandeur; of funeral darkness into per petual light. In the story of Passion we read of those scenes that have thrilled the human race with has gone down the ages, like a trum summoning the spiritually dead to a resurrection of eternal du We need not ask our read ers to linger with us in contempla-tion of the events of Good Friday; in Churches they are pictured in th "Stations of the Cross"; from pulpits they are repeated in the ried tones of different preachers. No how eloquent the speaken, can add nothing to the sublimity of the drama enacted on Golgotha; no matter how simple his style, it cannot fail to fire us with a species of enthusiasm and devotion that on no other occasion can be felt. Could we but transport ourselves in imagi-nation to the period of the Redemp-

tion, and surround ourselves with the actual scenes and the living actors what an astounding panorama would we not behold. Standing upon some eminence outside the doomed Jerusa lem, we would behold the fate millions of dead patriarchs and just ones hanging in the balance, the future salvation of millions yet unporn awaiting the consummation yonder skull-shaped mountain. Over the valley and across the Jordan would come the cry of the raible, the lashing of spears, the tramp of soldiery, the curses of the Jews, the execrations of the Scripes, the moans of the sympathetic, the weeping women, and the groaning of the vast nultitude. Adown the Via Dolorosa would we catch a glimpse of one solitary, deserted figure, moving under the weight of a cross, and clad in the trappings of a mock monarch. vould see Him fall; then hear cicks and blows that caused Him to arise again. At last the yelling, do noniac throng would issue from the Fish Gate, and dance, in wild anti cipation of bloody scenes, up the ocks of Golgotha. Finally would see the Creator, Redeemer and uture Judge of our race, suspended between heaven and earth. The pric of our salvation flowing down wood and dampening the earth; barbaric conduct of the military around the Cross; the loving St John, the weeping Magdalene, agonizing Mary, the Mother. At last we would hear a voice cry out, "Consummatum Est;" as the work of Redemption was immediately accom-

tain, we would see the soldiers depart; the centurions casting lots for the garments of the Mighty Dead; and the faithful few looking up the silent Saviour. But then; Ah Clouds rolling A transformation. up and along the horizon; lightning leaping across the expanse; the sun gnowing dark upon the western sky; the earth rocking like a tempest lashed ocean; the dead coming forth from their graves and walking among the living; the veil of the temple rent from top to bottom. Nature in awa and consternation in presence of Divinity in the agony of superhuman love. All this would we have seen and heard, were we to have near Calvary nineteen hundred and odd years ago. All this we know to have taken place; and all for ou salvation. Were we to have witnessed the tragedy, we naturally would have felt our blood boil, our indignation arise, our horror at the sacri leges overcome our every faculty Yet to-day, the same scenes are en acted around us, and we areticipate in them.

Then, turning again to the moun

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Even as we write-even as you read we daily playing the part the Roman soldier, the cruel centurion, the black-hearted scribe, or the bloodthirsty Jew. By our sins we ane causing the same Divine Victim to renew the agonies of Good Friday of that sargainary sacrifice. We drive in the nails with the hammer of our passions; we pierce the side with the spear of our iniquities. And yet we are not indignant with ourselves. Good Friday is at hand; let every true Catholic celebrate it in a befit-Good Friday ting manner by doing penance for all his errors and by striving to repair the wounds he has inflicted upon Calvary's Victim. In that way alone can we expect to worthily prepare for a resurrection with Him on Easter morning. We must bury in His tomb all the evil of our being, and await the three days to come forth glorious in spiritual grace. Then will this be a truly Good Friday for us all.

HOLY SATURDAY,-This is a day of repose, of transition between the gloomy scenes of Friday and glorious event of Sunday. Although it was not until Sunday morning that the Saviour came forth from his tomb, still the prelude to the hymns of rejoicing is heard on Saturday From the repository the Sacred Host is carried to the altar; at the Gloris the bells ring again, the lights around the tabernacle are more numerous and the vestments of black are preparatory for the coming year are The holy waten, to be used for all Church purposes, is bless-ed; the oil and holy chism are also prepared; the great Pascal camile, ar image of Christ, with the five wounds arisen and glorious, is blessed and lighted. On the Gospel side of the altar it is placed, and there is remains until the day of the Ascension.

It tells us of the light of Truth, the

of revelation, that the voys of Christ must carry all over the earth and unto every future gene

Holy Saturday is also the day upon which the Catholic is supposed to withdraw into the hermitage of his owr heart and there prepare himself fittingly for the rolling away of the stone from the sepulchre of his sinfulness, when the Angel of the Resurrection descends on the morrow.

It is a day most holy because it is the eve of the greatest event since To close the Lenten seacreation. son in a worthy manner and to be ssured of a spiritual rising on the morning of Easter, it is necessary to enter into the spirit of the Church upon that day. She invites us penance, to absolution, to a purification in the salutary waters of pen ance. By following her instructions and obeying her precepts we cannot but secure a happy and glorious Easter. Holy Weels will soon be a thing of the past for this year. 0 the thousands, the millions called upon to celebrate the commemoration of the sacred deeds that , the first Holy Week witnessed, how many will there remain to join in the cere nonies next year? This fearful uncertainty should make the true Catholic so act as if he were positive that this will be his last Holy Week on earth, and that his next Easter will be a resurrection into a life that knows no ending. A happy Easter to all our readers!

VARIOUS NOTES AND COMMENTS

MICHAEL DAVITT ILL,- This widely known Irish Nationalist, now in California, is reported to be ill, and threatened with pneumonia.

COOMBES MAY BE DETHRONED -Despatches from Paris, under date of March 19, describe the situation in which Premier Coombes' ministry is at present, as becoming gradually precarious. Some of the recent ma jotities have been below the traditional 20, which is the limit safety.

PREJUDICE-With all the boasted liberty of the 20th century, it astounding that there should be nuch prejudice displayed towards those who profess Catholicity. At a religious meeting in London weeks ago, Sir George Kekewich was moved to say that he opposed education act "because he was a Protestant first, a Christian next, and an Anglican afterwand." On which Catholic Book Notes remarks, some what dryly: "It has long been maniest that a large number of put their Protestantism before their Christianity, but we do not remember to have seen, until now, open profession of the fact."

CHOIR BOYS -Another peculiar reason, emanating from a non-Cathoic source, why religion should taught in schools, is that furnished by a recent strike of the choir boys of an Eniscopalian church. urged the minister to declare it to be one of the baleful results of an absolutely non-religious system of

CHURCH MAY LOSE DEPOSIT .-A Catholic American exchange says An effort is being made to save from the Sheldon Town State Bank \$8000, which belongs to St. Patrick's Catholic Church Sheldon, and which was on deposit in the bank at the time of the failure. Frank E. Gill. of Sioux City, who represents claims against the Bank of the sum of \$40,000, has filed for Rt. Rev. P. J. Garnigan, Bishop of Sioux City, a petition of intervention seeking to establish a preferred lien on the grounds that th was trustee, this \$8000 was a trust bank understood it to be such at the time it was accepted as a deposit.

THE POPE AND FRANCE -Cor spondents of American newspapers with headquarters in Paris, are bus just now writing about the approach ng visit of President Loubet Here is a sample of their

style:
"A prominent personage says Pre

that the visit of a ruler of a Catholic country to Rome requires a visit to the Vatican. It is a recognized ong diplomats that Empero Francis Joseph has not visit of the King of Italy because he would be expected to call at the Va tican. The Kings of Spain and Por-tugal have refrained from going to Rome for similar reasons. M. Lou bet's visit will emphasize a departure from this accepted usage. tension between France and the Vatican promises to be offset by strengthening of the bonds between France and Italy.'

This is on a par with the general tone of the daily press of to-day, yet Catholics are its mainstay.

FIRST LOAN .- In connection with the Irish Land Purchase Bill, which is certain to be the forerunn other great changes in Ireland long, the Government has announced the issue of \$25,000,000 in 21 per cent stock. The issue price is 88. list closed yesterday.

DUBLIN'S LORD MAYOR .- At a ecent meeting of the Dublin Corporation, a resolution to reduce the sa lary of the Lord Mayor from £3700 a year to £1700 was carried by 40 votes to 26. The resolution will not take effect until next year.

EVIL SIGNS .- European exchange received this week contain the lowing note of a sacriligous occurrence in Cannes, France: Thieves entered the parish Church from the roof of an adjacent shed, and stripped the building of its most valu able contents. The rich vestments and all the silver plate were stolen, while the tabernacle on the altar containing the Sacred Host, was burst open and its contents scattered on the ground.

RITUALISM,-Mr. Balfour intimates that he will recommend to the King the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the dis ordenly practices, in the Church England

A STATUE OF CHRIST

(By a Regular Contributor.)

A despatch dated New York, 15th March, reads as follows:

"The dedication of a great statue, of Jesus Christ, on the boundary line between Chile and Argentina, has been made the occasion of impressive ceremonies in which high officials both countries participated, cables the Valpraiso correspondent of the New York Herald. The dedication gave an opportunity for the expression of most cordial feelings friendship and ended in the Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs accepting an invitation to visit Santiago de What a magnificent text for a ser-

mon, for a lecture, for a volume. The statue of Christ on the frontier two nations, the emblem of peace, of friendship, of love, of harmony, of Christian unity. No matter what may be the differences that may anise between two such peoples, no what the causes of internamatter tional disagreement, or even hostility there stands the glorious emblem, and and as their eyes turn to it, either side of their international border line, they can read in it the precepts that the Divine One. Whom it represents, has preached, taught and scattered to the entire human family. If seen in the proper light, considered in the true spirit, what "a sermo in marble" must not that statue fur

It was He who said to the waves, "Peace, be still"; He it was who said, "Love One another"; He it was who said that "whosoever loveth the sword shall perish by the sword' He was foretold as the Peace"; and on the night of His rativity, the Angel host sang
"Glorias" to God and "Peace on
earth to men of good will." All through that life of thirty three years did he preach Peace, Love and Fra-And, dying, He bequeathed to His Church the same sacred mission of Peace throughout the world unto the end of time. And, faithful ceased, during nineteen hundred years to send her missionaries to the uttermost ends of the earth and to in stil into the hearts of men that love of God and Peace between brethren which have been so characteristic of

CHRIST'S OMNISCIENCE.

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"Christ led an humble and unosten tatious life; He preached by example as well as by word, and He never His Church should be what the Romish Church of to-day is namely, a theatre of pomp and institution of new-fangled doctrines If that Church is His Church, Christ could not have foreseen the pride and wealth that were to replace one day the humility and poverty that taught." So spoke Rev. H. Harris, D.D., in his lecture on "Romish Innovations." in London.

Without squandering space on this Doctor's calumnies and historical inaccuracies, in his first remark, will confine our attention to the last sentence of the above-quoted passage "If that Church is His Church Christ could not have foreseen, etc.' Here is a direct attack upon the Omniscience, therefore the Divinity of Christ. It is the casting of a doubt upon the truth of Christianity, Either Christ was the Son of God,

o-equal with the Father, or He was

If He was not, then He was not what He represented Himself to be; He deceived His followers; was an imposter amongst men: and all the system-great and wonderfu as it may be—which He built up, is only a mere human institution, gigantic fraud. Christianity is one vast and long-acted farce, if Christ was not what He proclaimed self to be. It is not likely that Rev Dr. Harris, or any other Christian would push audacity lay or cleric, to the point of sustaining such There, then, remain only one alternative; that Christ was what He said to the people, the Sor af God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity; God-equal in every thing to the Father, the Creator. If co-equal and co-eternal, He must be sed of each and all of God's attributes-not one of which could possibly be wanting in Him. nust be omnipotent, all-wise, all-just the truth itself, and omniscient. Time is a limited, Etemity is an unlimited duration. Time is a line, more or less lengthy, drawn between two points; the one called "the be ginning," the other called "the end." Eternity is a point that has no beginning and no end. Past, present and future are all as one in Eternity The most remote period that the mind of man can imagine in the dizzy past, and the most extreme epoch that we can conceive in the unmea sured future, are both equally present as far as Eternity is con cerned. The eye of the Eternal takes in at one glance all that measureable and all that is im surable. The Omnipresence of God applies not only to every place known to the present, but also all places, and periods inside outside the circle of Time. The span from Creation to final judgment the illimitable extent of Eternity. Therefore, if Christ is God, He eternal, omnipresent and omniscient consequently twenty centuries He knew all that is being done this moment, as He was than equally present with Pius X. as was with St. Peter. He not only foresaw the future of His Church but He saw it without foreseeing it He knew then, as He knows and as He knew ages before creation exactly what is transpiring at this

"And this would demand a perpetufrom al miracle, or infraction of nature's depends upon how you consider Did it ever strike the mind miracle. of that learned Doctor that a miracle is really not a violation of nature's laws?

startling assertion for a Catholic writer? Not half as much so are the absurd suppositions of Rev. Dr. Harris. It depends on what nature you mean. A miracle is decided-ly a violation of the laws governing our nature, which belongs to created beings and created things; but it is in strict accordance with the laws governing the divine nature, or the nature that belongs to the Creator of all beings and things. Our finite minds cannot grasp the idea of eternity; nor of an Eternal Being; more, then, can we comprehend the of that nature in harmony laws with which are all these humanly incomprehensible facts that are called miracles. The Omniscuence of Christ is no more extraordinary, no miraculous, no more an infraction of the laws governing a Divine nature, than is the Omnipotence of the Eternal.

Christ compared the Kingdom Heaven to a mustard seed that sown by man; it grows, becomes plant; finally the birds make their nests in its branches. If the Kingdom of Heaven is such, the Kingdom of God on earth-His Church-is simflar. Christ cast the seed into earth, when He was among m since His departure it took it was watered by the blood root. martyrdom; it grew, it expanded, it became what it is to-day. Christ saw all that, and it was part of His eternal plan that it should be so. seed is an unattractive little object, The but beautiful are the flowers and rich the perfume from the tree that it produces. Small the beginnings, wonderful the growth of the Church, and all the splendors of ceremony and the pomp of adoration that we now know are merely the natural outcome of the seed sown by the

Hand of the Omniscient Christ. Father Fidelis (I. Kent Stone), in his beautiful chapter on "The Primacy and Prophecy," puts the matter in a few clear words. Let his words answer that Doctor of Divinity, who seems to admit the possibility Christ's knowledge being limited, "Protestants," says Father Fidelis, "either do not believe what they profess, or do not understand what they profess to believe. I mean that they either have no faith, or a most unit telligent faith in the divinity of Jesus They have no real apprehen-Christ. sion of Our Lord's Omniscience. They do not truly understand that what He did during His brief ministry He did with the future all before Him, as it had been before Him from all Eternity; that every word which fell from His human lips had been predetermined in the counsels of Trinity, and was uttered with the most absolute foreknowledge of its Neither do they comconsequences. prehend His Omnipotence. They are not conscious that whatsoever promised He has Himself performed. To them it is as if Christ gave men a religion, and then left it to push its own way to conquest, or rather left it in the hands of men, to debated over, and misunderstood, and tampered with They know not that He who laid the first stone has superintended whole construction; that the Church has been built up, as it was founded,

by the power of God." It might be advisable for Rev. Dr. Harnis to revise his theological studies, if ever he really studied theology; and at the same time to take in lectures on both pro fane and sacred history; he might be led to understand the nature of the Founder of Christianity and the perfect harmony and unity of the Church A stranga and somewhat that He has given to the world.

that the world could ever behold such a sublime symbol, as a colossal sta tue of Christ erected to remind them both of the teachings which alor can bring harmony out of chaos and union out of division. It is in vain that a shattered Christianity, which calls itself by the general name Protestantism, sneers at the civilization of purely Catholic countries testimony to the Founder of Christi anity, such a tribute to the Church that has perpetuated the lessons of Peace and Charity throughout the ages, stands there to refute them ages, stands there to refute them and to bear witness to the influence of Catholic teachings upon the minds and souls of the peoples so blessed. We might go on for columns dwelling only upon this one incident, and yet we would not have performed the hundredth part of the task that its uniqueness suggests. But we see

in that mutual sign of harmony some thing more than a mere statue—it is a symbol of the abiding Faith within these peoples and it should be all the world a lesson of how the precepts of the King of Peace may be put into practice, even in of a temporal kind, between nation and nation.

WORTHY SONS.

Mr. Charles Gavan Duffy, one the officers of the Federal Parliament of Australia, is a son of the ex-Pretionist. All the Duffy boys, says a writer in the "Sydney Freeman," in-nerit their father's ability. John is a legislator and King's Counse; Frank holds on responsible position

ST. PATRICK'S D rick's Day in Toronto hononed than this yes were sung in the Churc Saint was extolled fr the shamrock was ever dence, and all seemed claim relationship ever with the Emerald Is orations and musical the programme for the Erin's children and th felt that the day at le tears for the time ber and naught but smil The brigh where seen. the present Erin and come of still greater 1 the spirit hour, and it was faith and hope in the through all the happer joined in the National Save Ireland."

WITH THE HIBER

Massey Hall a great g

SATURDAY, MA

ed the Hibernians on night, when a program the great order was pre Hall itself was in keep occasion; a backgrou across which in letters the welcome "Caed N faced the audience, and form were seated some of the children of the s girls in white formed t were flanked by the boy suits; green flags hung lars, and palms and fe tween the footlights an boxes. In the centre form a beautiful gold throughout the evening tle shamrock was displa on the breasts of the a in the hands of the ar John T. Keating, of orator of the evening, his address, was present basket of the dainty Those who took part i gramme were Miss Mad hanpist: Mrs. Annie Har Teresa Flanagan, Miss Miss Theresa McAvoy, 1 Paul and R. Ruthven M the children, under the accompanied on the gre Miss Agnela Tone Breen The entertainers throu

been chosen on account of class standing, and all c what was expected from chorus of children sang spirit, and after "O'Don ncore was demanded. McAvoy showed ability order in the management strument-the violin-and drew from the harp, cho only a child of Erin co Mrs. Hargrave simply dience by storm when in ing of the Green" she r the bunch of shamrocks pressive notes told of this lady is a singer wh Irish sentiment in a way the hearts of her listeners would like to hear her Teresa Flanagan, always was a welcome songst Miss Nellie Byrne surpr who had not before hear music and power of her v J. A. Paul sang "Killar 'The Minstrel Boy' in a while Mr. Ruthven McDo the honors with Mrs. He winning his way into the

his hearers. e chairman of the e A. T. Hernon, read tele greeting from the Hiber Montreal and Cornwall, interesting resume of Irel tory introduced the orate evening, Hon. John T. Ke Chicago, Ill., ex-National A.O.H. The eloquent ad listened to throughout w most interest, the only r that owing to the size of the voice of the speaker times lost. Mr. Keating er from whom the words irresistable

feature of the en was the absence of the "fr who in reality was never simply grotesque. The H Toronto have done their mirating this feature from tertainment. The evening out was the finest of the evenings this Association the city.

THE CELTIC LEAGUE drew's Hall received its i St. Patrick's night, when