

Some Notes

CATHOLIC ITALY AND DIVORCE.

BY CRUX.

It is most befitting the Catholics of Italy, radiating out from the heart of Christendom in Rome to the extremities of the land, have arisen in solemn and united protest against the proposed divorce legislation, that is a last blow aimed by organized infidelity at the Church and at the morality of which she is the custodian.

The Tarpan Rock that the condemned, under the same laws, were hurled. It is equally so to-day; for the ministry of one day is the victim of its own iniquitous legislation, the next. But it is to this struggle for pure morals that I wish to refer.

THE MARRIAGE BOND.—I am not going to occupy space telling Catholics what our Holy Church has ever taught in regard to the sanctity of the marriage tie; the fact of having raised matrimony to the dignity of a sacrament is sufficient to show that since the Church constitutes it—under Christ's direction—one of the seven sources of grace, she must necessarily regard it as sacred in every sense.

That national sanctuary is menaced with invasion; that venerable deity is about to be torn from its shrine by the polluted hands of the prayerless, the heartless, the soulless, advocates of a system destined to stifle the cries of innocence and to quench the heart-fires in our domestic homes.

PAPAL JUBILEE.—The Belfast "Irish Weekly" says:—His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, sent a congratulatory message to His Holiness the Pope on the occasion of the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Pontificate.

The following is the substance of the congratulatory and reply in English:—"The Catholics of Ireland heartily associate themselves with the Christian world in the rejoicing and good wishes with which he salutes the twenty-fifth year of the Pontificate of Your Holiness, so auspiciously entered upon, and earnestly beseech Almighty God that He may long spare and preserve Your Holiness."

The following is the reply:—"The good wishes of the faithful of Ireland were most acceptable to the Pontiff entering upon his jubilee, and he lovingly sends his blessing to you and your flock."

The Power of the Press.

Our readers are quite familiar with the scenes that took place some weeks ago, in Columbus, Ohio, when the unfavorably notorious Margaret Shepherd delivered a series of lectures, which culminated in her expulsion from that city. It is also a familiar fact to all the part that the "Catholic Columbian," the organ of the Church in that city, played in securing the cessation of those lectures and in bringing all the sober-minded Protestants to regard the woman as an imposter.

READY TO JUMP.—Dramatic was the experience of little Sadie Dougherty, 12 years old. She was in a room on the third story when she heard the cry of fire, and, frightened to a high pitch of excitement, she rushed to a window. Stepping outside on the ledge, she was preparing to hurl herself out, when George Surfleet, the janitor, who had run to the scene from his house, near by, saw the white-faced girl on the narrow foothold.

RECORDS DESTROYED.—There were 250 children in the orphanage with sixteen Sisters. The children ranged in age from 2 months to 15 years. The Sisters likewise lost all they had excepting the garments worn at the time, and also a few trinkets. All records pertaining to the children were destroyed.

TIMELY AID.—The students at the Jesuit College were among the first to see the flames when they burst through the roof. "The orphanage is on fire!" shouted a youngster who was at play on the ball ground, preparing for the summer campaign on the athletic field. His comrades took up the cry, and hastened to tell the fathers of the catastrophe.

ANOTHER HAPPY MOTHER.—Teething time is the critical age in a child's life. Any slight disorder in the stomach or bowels at that time greatly increases the peevishness of the little one and may have serious and even fatal results. It is impossible to take too great care of your baby's health during this period, and no better remedy than Baby's Own Tablets is known for the minor ailments of childhood.

TRAMP ACROSS PRAIRIE.—The remainder of the 250 children were divided between the Jesuit College, St. Joseph's Hospital and the Loretto Heights Academy. The girls were sent to the latter institution. It meant a seven-mile journey across the prairies in the face of a cutting wind, which seemed to find its way to the marrow.

An Orphanage Destroyed By Fire.

ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE in North Denver has been reduced to a mass of debris, from which rise a few blackened walls.

Defective electric wiring is said to have been the cause of a fire that practically destroyed the institution early Saturday afternoon, at an estimated total loss of \$70,000. Two hundred and fifty children are sheltered in various places in the city.

The fire was discovered about 1 o'clock by Mary Owens, 9 years old, who reported it to the sisters at luncheon in the refectory. The children had finished their noonday meal and were scattered throughout the institution when the alarm sounded.

all been given new dresses for Easter, and this loss was felt by them most keenly. The fire, it may be said, was in the nature of a pleasure vacation to most of the little ones, and they watched its progress delighted, pausing only now and then to bewail the loss of the dresses.

Father O'Ryan, who was early on the scene, estimates the loss at \$70,000, on which there is \$25,000. The insurance policies were destroyed, but the insurance men say that the losses will be promptly paid from the records on file in the different offices.

Father O'Ryan stated that the edifice would be rebuilt at once, and a meeting of the Board of Directors was held to discuss ways and means. The directors are: J. K. Mullen, E. P. McGovern, Charles McPhee, Dr. P. B. Carlin and Rev. Henry E. Robinson.

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A PROTESTANT'S GIFT.—A splendid example of Christian generosity is that of the Baron von Cramer Klett, a Protestant noble of Germany. In 1803, the Benedictine Abbey of Messobrun, in Southern Germany, was confiscated. This monastery was founded in the year 785.

The prayer, now, of the Benedictines, and of all Catholics who have been made aware of this generous deed, is that Baron von Cramer Klett may yet receive "the infinitely more splendid gift of the True Faith." And there would be nothing wonderful in that, since the spirit which animated him in doing such a noble Christian work, is certainly akin to that which leads men into the fold of Christ.

Canadians in Paris March 11.

The following Canadian visitors registered their names at the Canadian Government offices, 10, Rue de Rome, Paris, during the week ending March 11th:—

- Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lanctot, Montreal—Hotel Terminus.
Alphonse A. Granger, Montreal—Hotel Terminus.
Rev. J. Quinlivan, Montreal—Seminare de Saint Sulpice.
Joseph Ratto, Montreal—148, Faubourg Saint Martin.
Joseph B. Picard, Quebec—Hotel Terminus.
Clement J. MacMahon, Montreal, Miss Ernestine Lacaille, Montreal—11, Avenue de la Grande Armee.
The Misses Richard, Montreal—11, Avenue de la Grande Armee.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Emile Vanier, Montreal—Grand Hotel.
M. Georges Vanier, Montreal—Grand Hotel.
S. G. Mgr. Begin, Archbishop of Quebec.
Rev. Eugene Brunet, Quebec.
E. L. Clercx, Montreal—Hotel Terminus.
Jos. and Miss Berthe Lamoureux, Montreal—16, Rue Casseotte.
J. Ed. d'Orsonnens, Montreal—30, Rue Albouy.
Mrs. L. de Paul, Montreal.
Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLaren, Toronto—35, Rue Dlambré.
Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alloway, Winnipeg—Grand Hotel.
John A. Neville, Halifax—Hotel Normandy.

STRICKEN DUMB WHILE CURSING.

There is no sin without its punishment, but it is not often that the punishment follows so directly as to be a fearful example. A striking instance of this is recorded, curiously enough, in an item of police news in a Baltimore paper.

It is related that John Kelly, according to a statement made by his wife and supplemented by a statement written by himself and presented to Justice White of the Northern district, was stricken dumb on the evening of March 10, while cursing.

Kelly then came from the house and was taken into custody. When taken before the desk Kelly made signs for paper and pencil. On the paper he wrote his name and age. The next morning he was still dumb, and when brought before Justice White made all his statements in writing.

IRISH LEAGUE IN OTTAWA.

Last week a branch of the United Irish League was organized in Ottawa. The following office-bearers were elected:—Hon. president, Hon. John Coetigan; hon. vice-president, Chevalier John Heney; president, Dr. Freeland; vice-president, M. J. O'Connor; treasurer, John Hanlon; secretary, Jas. Bergin; committee, J. J. McNulty, M. O'Neil, W. J. Teafe, D'Arcy Scott, Sam. Cross, R. Tobin, H. A. John.

CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, held 21st inst., resolutions of condolence were adopted to Bro. P. Doyle, secretary of Division No. 2 on the death of his beloved wife.

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IRISH NOTES.

THE KING'S VISIT.—As all our readers are, by this time, aware the King has decided to postpone for another year his proposed and promised visit to Ireland, during the course of the coming summer.

We might make columns of comment upon the matter, especially from the significant standpoint of Ireland's interest in the affair; but we consider that the Cabinet of Lord Salisbury, and not the King, is responsible for the disappointment. The truth is that the King did accept the "advice" of his "constitutional advisers," which, under the system that obtains in Great Britain, is his duty to do; but he has taken good care that they shoulder the responsibility. The whole subject is most clearly and concisely put by the "Freeman's Journal" of Dublin, and we do not think it would be possible to add to its sage reasoning. That organ says:—"The ministers have put a veto on the intended visit of the sovereign to a portion of his dominions. It would be difficult for His Majesty to reject the veto of his constitutional advisers, but it is plain that he insisted that the responsibility should be theirs, and not his. His ministers could not venture to allow the King to see with his own eyes and hear with his own ears of the barbarous methods of the Castle and the deep resentment of his people. His presence here would have been a sore encumbrance to the co-crownists. There was imminent danger that his visit might have converted him to Home Rule or confirmed his existing convictions. Therefore, the ministers, in their own interests and in the interest of Unionism, have forbidden the visit."

This is about the sum and substance of the whole affair. It is simply a bit of spleen, on the part of the Government. It is one of those small ways that men, not of very large ideas, frequently use to punish those whom they are unable to cope with in the open arena. The King's visit would have meant a considerable amount of business activity and money circulation in Ireland; and it is very probable, that a man of the present monarch's self-dependent methods of thought and of forming opinions, could not fail to become more or less a friend of the Irish cause. But the Government has gained less than Ireland in the transaction—the point gained by the former is small in comparison to the arguments furnished the Home Rule advocates.

The London correspondent of the "Liverpool Daily Post," still entertains a hope that he may be able to visit Ireland at no distant date, and denies that the postponement of the trip is to be attributed to the hostility of the United Irish League.

MOTHER RUSSELL DEAD.—Rev. Mother Emmanuel Russell (Sarah), only surviving sister of the late Lord Russell of Killowen, died at the Convent of Mercy, Newry, on March 8. From Irish exchanges received by the last mail we glean that the sad event awakened feelings of the keenest sorrow in Newry and district, where the deceased lady was well known, revered, and beloved. The good nun had only been a couple of days ill, but pneumonia unfortunately supervened and carried her off, her only surviving brother, the Rev. Matthew Russell, S.J., being present at her bedside during her last moments. Born at Queen street, Newry, about 71 years ago, the deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Russell, of that town. Her early years were spent in Newry and Killowen, and a vivid picture of those days from her own pen appears in Mr. Barry O'Brien's book on the life of her late brother, Lord Russell of Killowen, who was a couple of years her junior. She received a splendid education. Being at all times piously inclined, she entered the Convent of Mercy, Newry, in the year 1858, and became a great favorite. She was afterwards placed in charge of the Lurgan Convent of Mercy, which was founded about the year 1868, but subsequently returned to Newry, where she was appointed Rev. Mother in the year 1878. She had the gratification of seeing branches of the Order established at Bessbrook, Warrenpoint, and Rostrevor, and the present successful schools established. The Home for the Aged Poor and Orphans in Newry was also erected while she was Superioress, and in the matter of the recent introductions of nuns as nurses in the Newry Workhouse her services were sought after and freely given. Her death is a great loss to the community, and to the poor especially. Her two sisters, Kate and Elizabeth, were also nuns, but pre-deceased her by some years. The funeral took place on Monday at Newry Convent of Mercy. Cardinal Logue celebrated a Requiem Mass before the interment. The chief mourners were the Rev. Matthew Russell, S.J., brother; the Hon. Charles Russell, the Hon. Cyril Russell, the Hon. Frank Russell, and Mr. Arthur J. Hamill, nephews; and Mr. Charles R. Kelly and Mr. Alexander Gartlan (Newry), cousins. A large number of the clergy and laity were also present.—R.I.P.

OUR CURBSTONE OBSERVER.

WHETHER it is sensationalism, general litigiousness, or men hustle through life craving for artificial mental stimulant, be it it may, there is a special curiosity that like plagues of old, affects men alike, the infant son of the cradle and the aged man of the grave. It manifests contagious disease, forms, and makes its attack when least expected through the world, of the quarter of a century noted that this spirit lurked in the bosom of the past decade. It has become more favorable than any period to its development would be impossible to go into all the details, or hundredth part of the enormity well illustrate the mine. Were I to tell "Chamber of Horrors," "Musees," the thousand sorts where the awe-inspiring or representations of the brutal events that with stigma the civilization past few years, are to exhibition, I would never, I will tell of my observations" during last think the story will be

AFTER A SCAFFOLD the week ending the 22nd chanced to have been Capital. It was on Friday that the murder was executed in Hull p across the river from the evening of Tuesday, which had been brought real, landed at the Hull sooner was it known that frame work was in the people gathered to have it. The crowd increased time the carter reached he found his waggon surrounded by nearly the people; and long after ment of death had been behind the prison walls still remained consulting speculating and appearing the sensation of h needed, and some of the touched, such an object serve, as an incident, to a certain degree, morbid curiosity that the mobs that followed of "The Terror," from gerie to the Place de la in the days when the gelled all ranks and all France. It was a very lude to the dramatic the following days.

AFTER A HANGMAN I have described is not followed. On Wednesday was learned that the man had arrived, and v ar a hotel. It is said t crowd of men assembled hotel, and all were get one glimpse who was there

CATHOLIC PROGRESS IN SCOTLAND.

A JUBILEE.—A copy of the "Catholic Universe" On Sunday, Mar Mary's Church, For dee, was re-opened, completion of extensiv and renovations. The of church and parish wa at the same time. The large congregation—on every available seat in ing, and extra seats hquisitioned and placed