

THE MOTHERLAND.

Latest Mails from England, Ireland and Scotland.

A Western Farmer Murdered on his Wedding Day. St. Patrick's Day Celebration in London.

Clare. A most melancholy case of drowning, involving the loss of three lives, occurred last week about ten o'clock in the Kiltresh Harbour, close to Scattery Island on the north side.

Rev. John Murphy, P.P. Drimo league is dead. Father Murphy was a native of Ballynahissig.

Lady Cadogan has started a movement to hold an exhibition of Irish Manufactures in Dublin this year.

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An extraordinary case has come before the magistrates at Golden Petty Castles. Head Constable Scully charged three men named John, William, and Daniel Murphy.

A frightful murder has been committed at Kiltavan, a place near Coolgeary, some five miles from Guvey.

through the head. Everything in connection with the affair pointed to a carefully planned and cold-blooded murder—me of the most atrocious that has been committed for many years in the south of Ireland.

ENGLAND. Irish Festival in London. The following is the oratorical programme for the St. Patrick's Day dinner in London.

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SCOTLAND. Father David is recalled. Father David, the great Franciscan and theologian, is likely to have a great audience in the City Hall, Glasgow.

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In the evening the young ladies of the senior classes, about twenty in number, were entertained at an oyster supper by the nuns, after which the pupils reciprocated by giving an impromptu concert to the community.

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THE RECENT CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor of The Catholic Register.

Sir—This letter, Mr. Editor, is not written with controversial purport; but rather in appreciation of the position in which the sudden closing of the recent religious controversy helplessly left the defence, as insinuated by "Churchman" in The Mail and Empire.

By the abrupt termination of the controversy the defence have been coerced and obliged to silently submit to the misrepresentations of a few voracious but characteristic Pro-Testants.

Canonically, if not maliciously, were the Rev. Mr. Langtry et al given charge of grace to patch up a reiterated warning on the doctrine of image veneration and other side issues or insinuations.

In respect to the Flaneur page I refer to Rev. W. J. Taylor's letter of the 8th of January and Flaneur's comment referred to therein.

Under the coercive policy herein complained of—instead of the vindication of truth, fact and justice, in keeping with the aforesaid editorial policy—the controversy stands, as against truth, about as follows:

I. LATRIA. 1. That St. Thomas Aquinas and San Buenaventura taught idolatry, while on the contrary, they taught idolatry to be a most damnable offence against God.

2. That the mould of evidence in the vernacular explanatory of Catholic doctrine—prayer books, catechisms, manuals, doctrine, etc.—stacks of which can be found in every Catholic home, are to be ignored in the interest of a few materialistic, perverted, material and forged imitations.

will not avail to salvation, the human family is therefore, doubtless, all lost. For proofs of which I refer you to the following considerations:

(a) Let us first turn to our drawing rooms and observe the wholesale contempt of this exegesis—fancy figured wall paper, chromos, castings, paintings, sculpture, a wax doll or two.

(b) Next, let us sojourn for a time among the treasures and splendours of the galleries, museums and studios of England, France, Italy, etc., all civilization, and we will have much reason to lament the sad night of the Second Commandment exegesis.

(c) Let us next visit the most naked Protestant church—and they are all naked enough, God knows, especially of religious or Christian emblems—and what do we behold? The usual wall paper decorations, chandeliers with beaded castings, an organ decorated with snooty breaches of this misinterpretation.

(d) We even bow to the Crown and the Throne as emblems of royalty. We reverence the flag, the national emblem of the United States of America. We look with eye-behaved veneration at the statues of our Queen, of Nelson, of Wellington, of Newton, of Shakespeare, of Sir John A. We have room in our parks and public resorts for monuments to renowned pagans—Statues of Alexander the Great, of George Washington, of George Washington.

(e) My little niece picks out of the dirt, fondles and kisses my old hat. It is a pure expression of love for her uncle. Could she evince more heartfelt reverence in any other way? Does my dog and you honor me? Honor anything that is mine and I accept it as a superior mark of respect. So do all. These actions are the sublimest language of devotion and piety.

(f) Next let us shove our hands into our pockets. Shocking! This is the worst yet. Likenesses of bank presidents, suffragan Queens, and the American eagle, the very Goddess of Liberty, carried around in our pockets. And these pocket deities which we call money we actually send out to work miracles for us.

Oh Canada, our motherland, We cling to thee alone! Thou art the queen to whom we kneel And onster round thy throne, Thy sylvan seats' mid forests vast, And sacred hills and placid lakes, And whence mighty rivers glide.

"Now sit, in conclusion, permit me to digress a moment. I would suggest that if the Protestant division of the First Commandment into first and second, as they have done, along with your indolent exegesis, be not an "anti-Popular" subterfuge, to say the least, a shallow misconception, then Almighty God Himself would be the first, under the Mosaic dispensation, to violate His own injunction—see Ex. xxv, xxviii, 33, Num. xxi, 8, and 1 Chron. xxvii, 19.

Moreover the high priests worshipped the ark of the Covenant, the ark of the Jews were, they ever worshipped with their faces turned towards it. Witness the death of Uzza for touching the Ark with good intent. 1 Chron. xxi, 18. In short, see the history that attended Obelodon on account of the Ark, verse 14. And we know that all ceremonies and articles and media of devotion in the Old Law were but types and figures of corresponding realities in the New Testament.

It is doubtless consequent upon the most stupendous and most unwarranted breach of social, civil and religious ethics and polity ever perpetrated against God or man, and the very people for whose edification and deliverance from bondage God had recently performed numerous soul stirring miracles: over whom and in whose interests God wished to establish His earthly Theocracy through a King; and in pursuance of which their great leader, Moses, was at this very instant, in personal converse with the Deity.

That the stupendous innovations of the 10th century libertines and revolutionists is Catholicity; and that the good old Church, African, English, Catholic and Roman of our forefathers, is the Roman Schism. Rather peculiar!

Now this, Mr. Editor, is a little but neat picture of the shape into which the closing of The Mail's columns against the doctrine—recently—has left matters.

I will merely state in conclusion that while I quite concur with "Churchman's" opinion, that the fact that he has between the doctrines of the Church of England and that of the Church of Rome—and there ought to be if the Bible is to be our platform—and I also concur with him that whatsoever is not contained in God's word or not proved thereby is not to be believed as an article of Faith.

The word of God is the Bible—if you will—illuminated beneath the X rays of apostolic tradition. The New Testament, a hapless, submissive infant, says nothing of itself unassociated with the spoken word of God. See II. Tim. ii, 15; III. 6; I. Cor. xi, 2; II. Tim. ii, 2, etc., except perhaps warnings or anathemas—see II. Pet. iii, 16; Rev. xxii, 18 and 19.

The Apostles were not sent out to read and write, but to teach, preach, and baptize. See Matt. xxiii, 23; Mark xvi, 15; Col. i, 28; Rom. x, 14 and 17, etc., etc. If the few who wrote what we have of the New Testament intended it to be a rule of faith they would have said so, but naturally would they have consented to come and place Matthew's Gospel within the inviolable ramparts of the Church of Rome—the good old Church, Catholic and Apostolic, that brought the Gospel to five continents and to countless archipelagos during 15 centuries before poor Luther apostatized and hatched his mongrel brood.

Oh Canada, our motherland, Earth holdeth none like thee, And may thy flag for aye wave o'er A people brave and free. A nation to win the sword, Omnipotent of light, A nation pledged to keep the lamp Of learning burning bright.

suggested, is wrapped in fog, unless we take the authority of the Roman Church for it.

If the Protestant notion of the word of God and its exegesis be correct—if we may judge from the fruits of their private interpretation during the 31 centuries of their existence, of numberless jarring sects of indefinite and ever changing beliefs—then the New Testament left faith and even morals quite disorientated. This may be clearly implied from the findings of the Diet of Augsburg. But since divine truth must be as immutable as God Himself, faith must necessarily be a well defined code of armor-plated dogmas, and not the capricious outcome of sensual caprice.

I think I am perfectly safe in further pleading that the Catholic Church alone teaches and preaches the Bible or the New Testament, and that she alone gives it credit for veracity; while under Protestant exegesis the Bible neither asserts what it means, nor means all it says, thus denying it the center of every common sense book. Take a few illustrations—"This is my Body, this is my Blood." Upon this Rock I will build my Church and the gates of Hell shall never prevail against it.

You see I cannot agree with "Churchman" respecting the word of God in the aspect of his insinuation.

I am also at variance with him that Catholics have been fairly treated by the abrupt closing of The Mail's columns against them without pronouncement.

Obituary. It is our sad duty this week to record the death of Mrs. John Payne which occurred Feb. 26th at her home here in Maeville, Melancthon, at the age of forty-three years.

Deceased leaves a husband and seven children to mourn the loss of a faithful wife and kind and loving mother, and the poor and needy a ready sympathizer and generous friend.

The funeral took place on Saturday at St. Patrick's Church where Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. Father O'By who after which the remains were interred in St. Patrick's cemetery here. R.I.P.

thinness The diseases of thinness are scrofula in children, consumption in grown people, poverty of blood in either. They thrive on leanness. Fat is the best means of overcoming them. Everybody knows cod-liver oil makes the healthiest fat. In Scott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil the taste is hidden, the oil is digested, it is ready to make fat.