

# CHURCH NOTES

## FOR BUSY MEN

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### IRELAND'S FUTURE

Among the many pretty things said of Ireland during the recent St. Patrick's celebrations, the following from a lecture referred to in last week's Freeman, speaks for itself:—But we look to a future Ireland as to a part. We anticipate the day when the Grattans, the Connellys and the O'Connells of a twentieth century, shall speak with Ireland's voice, in an Irish parliament, when Tyrans and Saracens shall rise in her frontiers, and when twentieth century, Bredas and Columba shall preach the Gospel to New Ireland and New Lands in America, even as the first missionaries who received the Gospel from St. Patrick, proclaim it to the nations of their century. From the history of the ancient lands let us on each anniversary of St. Patrick, derive new inspirations. May the fire of Faith ever burn. May there be realized soon, a great St. Patrick's Day Congress, which will do for the future of Ireland as great a good as the great assembly will be for the Catholic people of 1903.

### THE NEED OF TODAY

Dealing with this subject the Sacred Heart Review speaks thus:—More books and fewer drinkings. More work and less talk. More industry and less idleness. More sobriety and less dissipation. More simplicity and less affectation. More copying of kindly and worthy deeds and less imitation of ads and follies and follies. More rest and recreation and less mere dissipation. More reality and less show. More earnestness and less smartness. Larger outlooks and smaller grudges. A greater desire for social usefulness than for personal gain.

### THE ANGLICAN

#### THE LENTEN SEASON

Reports from Philadelphia, New York, Boston and other important cities speak of large attendance and impressive services, and the interest deepens daily. Speaking of the addresses of one of the leaders in the New York gatherings, a writer says:— "They were very brief, often not more than eight minutes, but always pertinent. The real function of the Church in the world, he said in his last address, was not merely a place to which the multitude might be gathered, but a place from which those who did attend could go to teach and preach God's righteousness. Common men and women, every day in the week, must be preachers of the Gospel. It is interesting to note this year at Trinity Church the constant coming and going of people as occasion permitted or called. Even when the service was over, people were still coming. At Calgary the Rev. Dr. Arthur S. Lloyd was the preacher and the congregations all of exceptional size. The theme throughout the week was Christianity as a life."

### WELSH EPISCOPALIANS

"Anglicans," says an exchange, "are scarce in proportion to the population in Wales, as in Ireland, yet the great majority of the other sects are well represented." The British Government has, however, announced its intention to bring down a bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the English Church in the country. Let there be justice!

### CANON ELLIOTT

Referring to the 85th anniversary of the birth of Canon Elliott, the Montreal Star says:—The veteran rector of the Church of St. James the Apostle comes of United Empire Loyalist stock. He was educated at King's College, N. B., and was ordained by the late Bishop Fulford, being appointed as assistant at the Cathedral as far back as 1848. In May, 1868, the diamond jubilee of his ordination and the forty-fifth anniversary of his rectorship were celebrated with appropriate ceremony. The Victoria Rifle of which he is captain, also observed the event in a fitting manner. He was born in Dumfries, N. B., on March 16, 1824, and notwithstanding the years that have elapsed since he attained to the age of a allotted span, he is still hale and hearty. He was ordained to the ministry in June, 1848, sixty-one years ago, and in length of service in the Anglican Church in Canada he stands unique. He took charge of the Church of St. James the Apostle when it was opened on May 1, 1864, and he has continuously been its rector ever since.

### THE PRESBYTERIAN

#### ALWAYS DOING

The Toronto Presbyterian pays this eloquent tribute to the American Presbyterian Church Montreal, which it says, "is always seeking new ways to aid us in the general work of the Church. Not only does it maintain its thirty of our missionaries in the West, but a few days ago sent a deputation to Rockfield, one of our suburban missions, and having received their report, contributed the sum of \$1000 to lift off the debt that was resting on the new building and furnishings."

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### LITERATURE FOR THE YOUNG

Rev. Albert Barnes, who was born at the close of the eighteenth century, said that he could have bought all the children's literature in his boyhood for less than the cost of Franklin's whistle. Now if all the books suitable for boys and girls could be gathered together, it would probably make the largest library in the world.

### SEARCHING FOR THE CHURCH

Dr. Madison Peters, of New York, will soon be qualified, as perhaps no other man is, to write a book about the denominations. He was once a minister of the German Reformed Church, then he became a Presbyterian, next he tried the Reformed Church; later he became a Baptist, for a time he preached in public halls under no denominational auspices and now he has made a second venture with the Presbyterians.

### THE BAPTIST

#### HATS OFF

NEW YORK, March 13.—A Boston despatch says:—The First Baptist Church of Somerville has officially barred from public worship all women who refuse to remove their hats before entering the church auditorium. The church is one of the important ones of New England. "The fancy millinery of the present time attracts so much attention," said one of the trustees, "that women spend more time examining the hats than they do listening to the sermon."

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To the question, "Is a Christian dancer?" the last paragraph of it will answer:—"Of course he can. He might swear and lie, too; but it would not make him a better Christian." Surely, Christian, you may dance; but dancing will never identify you with a heathen. What puzzles us is that you ask the question so often. Christians who don't dance never ask it. Yes, Christians, dance if you can't live without it. But don't be surprised if you are taken for a goat."

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### IN THE CHURCHES

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### DESPITE DISAGREEMENT

weather about fifty of the curiers assembled at the church on the invitation of their chaplain. The visitors joined heartily in the singing and prayer.

### THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE

in St. Mary's church last evening was a most impressive one. Bishop Davidson officiated and nineteen candidates were confirmed. Of the number were the young men, Archdeacon Raymond, the rector of the church, and the candidates.

### YESTERDAY'S SERVICE

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