

The Motherland

Latest News from ENGLAND, IRELAND and SCOTLAND

Catholic Education.

The Prize Lists of the Intermediate Board have been published. The full lists confirm and emphasize the gratifying success of the Catholic schools and colleges. In the Senior Grade, Master Thomas Kettle and Master Peter Byrne obtain first and second places respectively for Olongowes Wood College, and eleven of the valuable £50 prizes in this grade, out of nine hundred awarded, have been carried off by Catholic students. In this grade the gold medals also are almost exclusively the prizes of Catholic students. Master Thos. Kettle, in addition to the large gold medal for first place, also obtains the English medal and a special prize of £4. Master Peter Byrne receives the Classical Gold Medal, and Master Charles J. Barry, of the Presentation College, Marykirk, Oork, secures the Gold Medal for Modern Languages. In the Middle Grade the first three places have been taken by students of Belfast colleges, but the fourth place is occupied by Master William Martin, of Rockwell College, to whose noteworthy successes we shall have further reference to make. The same student obtains the Mathematical Gold Medal, Master Patrick O'Mahony, of Presentation College, Oork, being awarded that for Modern Languages, and Master Felix B. W. Hackett, who so nearly obtained first place in the Junior Grade of 1896, being consoling by securing the coveted Gold Medal for English, which was withdrawn altogether in this grade last year. The Classical Gold Medal is awarded to John P. MacDermott, of St. Patrick's College, Oavan, who won a special medal in the Junior Grade in 1896, and in the Junior Grade a similar medal is carried off by Master Charles J. Dolan, of the same college, a very creditable record for the Oavan College. Master Thomas F. Rahilly, of Blackrock College, obtains first place in the Junior Grade with large Gold Medal, being closely pressed by Master Thomas Baoun, of Olongowes Wood College, another student of the same college, Master John T. Mungovan, winning the English Medal. The Medal for Modern Languages in the Junior Grade is awarded to Master Edward W. Farrell of Christian Schools, North Richmond Street, which famous schools have the phenomenal total of eight exhibitions in the Middle Grade. Thus it will be seen that in each grade four out of five gold medals have in every case been secured by Catholic students.

Antiism.

The Duke and Duchess of York had hardly embarked on board of the Royal yacht in the Roads at Carrickfergus an ill-conditioned section of the populace in Belfast took occasion to vent their party feeling. No one will be surprised to hear that it was left to Belfast to mark the close of the Royal visit by such a display of religious rancour. Excited crowds, carrying sticks, paraded the main thoroughfares singing party songs and acting in a defiant and boisterous manner. The police had to interfere. Many of the children who were at times being conveyed by tram-bowdies from Ormiston struck up snatches of the "Boyne Water," and in Donegal street expressions insulting the Catholic religion were, said to be loudly used by juniors. North Queen street is a Catholic and Nationalist quarter. There the mob began to curse the Pope, sing the National Anthem, and cheer for Sandy row and the Shankhill road. They next flung volleys of stones, of which they had evidently a plentiful supply, towards the houses in North Queen street, and a number of windows were smashed. No opposition party making an appearance, the Orange rowdies moved down Lancaster street, which is mainly tenanted by Catholics, and attacked several houses. The shopkeepers adjoining, alarmed by the violent demeanour and conduct of the mob, tried to shutter the windows, but before they were successful a strong party of the "lambes" demolished the windows in houses in North Queen street. When the pockets full of ammunition with which they had come provided were exhausted they picked up loose stones and uprooted others from the footway. The windows in St. Vincent's Hall were smashed and plate glass windows in two public-houses were perforated with paving stones.

Donkeys.

Large takes off the north-west coast, and fishing off the Donegal coast has been very successful during the past month. The boats of the Congested Districts Board have worked from Killybegs round to Sheepwash and have had large takes. Sheep lawns is reported to be full of fish. The prices realized during the past three weeks have amounted to £800. The fish were received and packed at the Congested Districts Board stations at Killybegs, &c., and were forwarded immediately to the English markets by the Board's agents.

Bread.

The price of bread in Dublin has been increased. The 4lb loaf was increased in price from 6s to 6s 1d, and that of the 2lb loaf to 3s. A prominent member of the trade states

that it is possible a still further advance may be made within a fortnight.

The sudden cold of the first week of September and the bad storms in the Phoenix Park gave Dubliners the first touch of early winter—winter in golden and nut-brown September. If the cold and the hail at this time of the year presage anything, Dublin probably has the unhappy prospect of a blabber winter.

At a largely attended meeting of the general Executive Council of the '95 Antiquary Committee, at the City Hall, Dublin, Mr. John O'Leary in the chair, the following resolution was carried:—

"That the attention of the meeting having been directed to the announcement that Mr. John Clancy, T.O., Dublin, has given notice of motion to move the Municipal Council of Dublin that a site of the upper end of O'Connell street be granted to the Executive Council of the 98 Centenary Committee for a memorial to Wolfe Tone, this meeting, while crediting Mr. Clancy for having interested himself in the subject, desires it to be known that such notice of motion has been given without request of the Executive Council."

Way.

The first stroke of work has been done here for the Cathedral of over sixty years contemplation. Years ago a subscription was opened for the erection of this cathedral, but from one cause or another the project fell through, and the money (a few thousand pounds) collected lay idle in bank. But now at last, thanks to the energy of the worthy Bishop of Clonfert, Most Rev. Dr. Healy, D.D., the work has been begun, and will undoubtedly continue to a successful end. The site selected is in Barrack street, and has a fine sweep of road before it.

Kerr.

The death occurred rather suddenly at his residence, Dalbybegue Castle, of Colonel James O'Grady, D.L. The deceased gentleman, was over seventy years of age.

It is stated that the Duchess of Teck has been so pleased with the reception accorded to the Duchess of York and her accompaniments of the beauties of Killarney, that she proposes to pay a visit to Ireland next year if her health permits.

The official list of applications to fix fair rents at the next sitting of the Land Sub-Commissioners in Killarney has been published. Amongst those who are going to apply for the fixing of a "fair rent" is the Earl of Kenmore as tenant, the landlord being Mr. Henry Herbert, J.P., of Cahirnamo, about half a mile from Killarney.

Mrs. O'Brien.

William O'Brien, in making an appeal for popular organization against landlordism, recites the case of the Widow Sammon, tenant of a tract of mountain at Carrowkennedy, on the road to Leenane. Her husband, who had paid his rent punctually all his life, died two years and a half ago. The widow, to pay the expenses of his illness and support the family of eight young children left on her hands, was obliged to sell the only cow that remained on the holding. On the 3rd December last she and her eight children were thrown out on the mountain side for an arrear of two years' rent—£14 14s in all. By one shift or another she had borrowed one year's rent—£7 7s—which she proffered at the rent-office a few days before the eviction; but the appeal of the unfortunate widow of a tenant who had paid to the last farthing until death overtook him, was rejected, and the children cast homeless and without bread into the winter air. The holding was promptly grabbed by an ex-gamkeeper, whose own holding had been evicted and taken by the bailiff of the estate. On the 9th of February the Widow Sammon was sent to jail for a week for designing as a landgrabber the man who took the farm from which she and her children were evicted. In March she was sent to jail for seven weeks, with hard labor, for repeating the crime. A week after her release in May she was sent to jail for the third time for five weeks at hard labor for being of the same opinion still. This next time, a few days after leaving prison in June, she was prosecuted on a charge of knocking down a wall valued at six shillings, for which the mother of the eight hungry children was consigned to the plank bed for fourteen days more. She had scarcely returned to her hut when she was hauled before the magistrates for the fifth time for throwing some sods of turf, valued at one penny, into a bog-hole, and for "abusive language." She was fined five shillings and costs, and in default of bail for her future good conduct, was sentenced to imprisonment for two months more; and the day before yesterday, in tears, and her spirit at last broken, she was dragged away from her children by the police to undergo her new sentence—that is to say, out of nine months since her eviction she will have passed more than six months under punishment, and all for what President Kruger would call "moral damages" to the ex-gamkeeper's feelings. It was not pretended but had suffered any more substantial

injury, and in any mere contest of physical force it would have been too grotesque to allege that the ex-gamkeeper, with two strapping young men for sons and a special police escort, had anything to fear from the hunted widow, whose eldest son is but eight years old. Mr. Lynch, B.M., in sending her to jail for the last time, thought it decent to remark—"She appeared to be a lunatic."—*Mayo News*, August 25th.

Meath.

The new Catholic church at Bohermeen, Co. Meath, was opened for Divine worship on Sept. 6, the event being marked by solemn ceremonies befitting the occasion. For many years the need of a new church has been much felt, the old edifice being ill suited to its sacred purposes. About three years ago, a year after his appointment to the pastoral charge of the parish, the Rev. Patrick O'Reilly, the respected parish priest, set himself energetically to the task of collecting funds.

ENGLAND.

Miss Anna Parnell.

The London correspondent of *The Freeman* writes—*I saw Miss Anna Parnell the other day at a quiet English seaside resort, where she has now stayed for the past three or four years. She looks remarkably well in health, spends much of her time painting, and lives apparently a wretchedly solitary life. Miss Anna Parnell was always the most like her famous brother of any of the family, and the years rather increase than lessen the resemblance. She has an old Irish terrier, to which she is evidently deeply devoted, and nothing could exceed the interest she takes in this placid animal as she gives it its daily constitutional along the cliffs. All the other dogs are carefully kept at bay lest they might disturb the perfect serenity of its existence. Miss Parnell is often to be seen with a snapshot camera taking pictures of characteristic scenes in the life of the little Suffolk town, and her identity seems to be scarcely known at all. Every evening at six o'clock, rain or shine or wind, she goes for her regular bath when everyone else has long left the bathing boxes. She seems to take a delight in breathing the waves on stormy evenings, and remains swimming for at least twenty minutes without taking a rest.*

The Pope and Oseott College.

At an important gathering of Catholic dignitaries, clergy, and students at Oseott College to celebrate the reconstruction of the college, so as to include all the southern dioceses, Cardinal Vaughan, who was attended by Archbishop Stonor and the Bishop of Birmingham, Lord Alton, Lord Slarowbury, Clifton, and Northampton, announced that he had received a letter from Rome approving of the extension of the seminary. In this communication the Supreme Pontiff, after expressing his solicitude for the higher education of the clergy, stated that he was intensely gratified at the glad tidings that all was quite ready for the immediate opening of the central seminary at Oseott. His Holiness warmly commended placing the institution under the guardianship of the Blessed Virgin, for he discerned in that a most happy augury for its stability and growth. The Pope bestowed upon the institution his Apostolic Benediction, and conferred academic honors upon the Rector and Professors of the college. Cardinal Vaughan added that Leo XIII. had been convinced by many years' experience that it would be greatly to the advantage of the Church in these days if large seminaries for the study of theology and philosophy were instituted by the combination of a number of dioceses.

Death of La Caron's Mother.

Mrs. Maria Passmore Beech, mother of the Government spy in Ireland and America known as Major La Caron, died last week at Colchester. Mrs. Beech was seventy-seven years of age, and was the widow of a former collector of rates in the town. The deceased was visited there on several occasions by her son.

SCOTLAND.

Honoraria & Priest.

On 30th August, the parishioners of St. Augustin's, Langloan, Coatbridge, gathered together to honor their late curate, by presenting him with an illuminated address and obsequies for £100. The proceedings took place in St. Augustin's Catholic School. Long before the hour of beginning the school was filled to overflowing. The "Soggarth Aroon," Rev. John Hughes, P.P., Saint Augustine's, took the chair, and was supported on the platform by Very Rev. Father Van Steyven, M.A., St. Margaret's, Ardrie; Rev. Father Doody, O.C., Ardrie; Rev. Father Mackay, P.P., Gaidron; Rev. Father Terkins, P.P., Ballisluath; Rev. Father Brown, O.C., St. Augustin's; Rev. Father McCarthy, O.C., St. Augustin's.

A Scotch Inventor who Died in Poverty.

Signor Marconi does not claim to be the actual inventor of wireless telegraphy. He candidly admits that he simply adapted the appliances of other inventors to obtain the result he undoubtedly did obtain for the first time. He, therefore, is not likely to dispute the claim set forward on behalf of Mr. James Bowman, Lindsay, a native of Dundee, that he conceived the idea of telegraphing without wires as early as

1841, and carried it into practice forty years since. Like the originators of many of our modern making inventions, the practical application of which has proved a veritable philosopher's stone to the facile assimilator of the original idea, Mr. Lindsay died in poverty in 1882.

Catholic Truth Society.

Writers for The Register.

A special meeting of St. Michael's branch of the C. T. S. was held in St. Vincent's Hall last Sunday afternoon. After the usual business had been transacted it was decided to hold two meetings in October. The first, on the first Tuesday of the month, will be an open meeting; there will be music and Very Rev. Father Ryan will give an address. The second meeting will be in the nature of a concert, and a lecture will be given by Mr. T. C. Walsh. This gentleman is known as a brilliant speaker, and his lecture will prove a most interesting part of the programme. The date will be announced later. In conformity with a suggestion made recently by a rev. speaker at a meeting of St. Mary's Branch, it was unanimously decided that as many members as possible should meet on the first Monday in October, and proceed to St. Mary's Branch for the purpose of holding a joint meeting. The idea that the different branches should combine more is an exceedingly good one, and seems to meet with much favor. The hospitality of St. Mary's Branch is well known, and the members of St. Michael's are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable evening with their confederates. The attendance at the meetings is, as a rule, far too small to be properly representative. The season for regular and frequent gatherings is at hand, and we must make up to a sense of our responsibilities in the matter. It is not enough to join the society and think no more about it; we must also attend the meetings which are held primarily for the purpose of laying the affairs of the society before the members and taking their opinions as to the course to be pursued in certain questions. Union is strength, but there can be no union unless each individual member will consider himself or herself as part of the whole, and act accordingly. By the way, I should like to offer a respectful suggestion that St. Vincent's Hall would be considerably improved if it were occasionally dusted. Where all the dust comes from it is impossible to say, but its quantity is extremely discomposing when one has to perform to wipe it off a chair with the back of one's dress. Probably as it is Bachelors' Hall (figuratively speaking), the matter has not occurred to the gentlemen in charge; wherefore, being a woman, I would remark meekly that floors require sweeping and chairs and tables dusting—sometimes.

It is impossible to measure the good that the Catholic Truth Society has done and is doing. Besides bringing Catholics together and fostering a friendly feeling for one another, it is keeping alive that spirit of faith which the present trend of thought is threatening to overwhelm, not alone outside, but inside the Church also. The devil is busy sowing the tares broadcast, let us unite in a strong purpose to root them up, and with the help of grace we shall soon be able to do this. There will be a grand concert, with orchestral accompaniment held under the auspices of the Altar Society in St. Michael's Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at 8 p.m. This is a treat which lovers of good music should not miss.

C. M. B. A.

On Sunday, 12th September, at 162 Strachan avenue, Toronto, Kate Landy—late of the Toronto College of Music—daughter of J. J. Landy. Such was the given notice which informed the public that another life had been quenched; another life translated from its earthly to its heavenly sphere, leaving a bereaved family to mourn the departure. Brief the words and brief the life of this daughter who passed away amidst a scene of parental, brotherly and sisterly love, to join the choir of angels surrounding the throne of God, there to utilize in His praise talents which were a special gift to her and a source of pleasure to others in this life. Brothers, by this sorrowful death attention has been cast upon a worthy Brother of Branch 19 C. M. B. A. This Brother, his wife and remaining children the mothers tender their heartfelt sympathy, and they unite in prayer to God that He comfort those afflicted in this their hour of desolation and sorrow. The plant grows and flowers wither and die, but the soul of man liveth forever. Be it resolved that this expression of sympathy with our afflicted Brother follow the usual course of procedure. Signed on behalf of the members. W. J. SHIRRI, Rec. Secy.

The Proprietors of Parrot's Pills are constantly receiving letters similar to the following. As an excellent illustration, we quote one from Mr. John A. Beam, Waterloo, Ont., writes: "I never used any medicine that can equal Parrot's Pills for Dyspepsia or Liver and Kidney Complaints. The relief experienced after using them was wonderful. As a family medicine Parrot's Pills are the best. I can hardly expect to be so fortunate all the way throughout my tour, as I

Life of the Country Priest.

Writers for The Register.

"To portray the haunts of heavy man, 'Tis needs the pencil, they dofy the pen." Enjoying, as I now do, the leisure interval between the laying down of one responsibility and the taking up of another, I have determined to see and report something of the busy outside world, and to ascertain if the struggles and worries of life are shared alike by all the children of Adam of every race and every clime. This may seem a pretty broad view to start out with, and its fulfilment may fall very far short of the mark, but I can already report progress in my investigations, and say deliberately that the conditions of human life socially and religiously as a very different one from another. The contrast strikes me keenly, for I have just left the turbulent business world wherein the graspings and strivings of sordid mercantile life had well-nigh blotted out of my mind a right conception of the higher ideals and pure joys that belong to the more fortunate individuals who live in the pure atmosphere of peaceful and sanctified homes, far away from the beckoning and contentions that clutter their life lives in the tainted abodes of sordid trade and commerce. I realized this difference almost at the outset of my journey, for I am at this present writing the guest of the Rev. T. E. Collins, the respected and devoted parish priest of the united districts of Brighton and Wooler. To be freed, as in my case, from the grosser sort of business as above alluded to, was in itself an emancipation, but to fall at once into the calm, well-regulated atmosphere of a priest's home made the contrast doubly impressive. Then, again, I drew fresh inspiration from my surroundings, for the walls of the room in which I wrote those pages were adorned with paintings that revived the tender emotions of the soul. On the wall directly opposite me was "The Descent from the Cross," "The Sacred Heart of Jesus" was nearby, and on my left hand was the painting depicting the Man of Sorrows bearing his crown of thorns. Close to that was "The Virgin and Child," and on my right was placed the expressive picture of "The blessed heart of Mary," pierced by a sword. Then, around about stood photographic likenesses of many venerated priests who had made for eternal calls upon the popular pastor, and in the same room were many mementoes speaking the love and devotion of many parishioners, and in the cabinet in the far corner reposed "speaking pictures" of innocent child hood flanked by those of young maidens in their first communion robes. All those things spoke with irresistible force to the heart, and no contaminating force of the sordid world outside could withstand the appeal. To become impregnated with the conception of what the figures represented and taught, meant an inward movement and elevation of the soul above the mean things of life. While this was quite true of the effect produced by what I saw in the pastoral abode it help of grace we shall soon be able to do this. There will be a grand concert, with orchestral accompaniment held under the auspices of the Altar Society in St. Michael's Cathedral on Tuesday, Sept. 20th, at 8 p.m. This is a treat which lovers of good music should not miss.

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A. O. H.

At the last regular meeting of Division No. 4 A. O. H. the following resolution was unanimously adopted:— That whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove by death our worthy Brother, Patrick J. Woodley, Resolved—That we, the members of Division No. 4, hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss sustained by his father, mother and grandmother, and pray that Almighty God may console them in their affliction. Do it further Resolved—That a copy of this resolution be sent to the parents of our deceased Brother, inserted in the minutes of this meeting, sent to *The Obituary* for publication and our charter draped in mourning. Signed, R. J. TAULRY, Presid., Jos. Coady, Rec. Secy.

have been in its first stage. If I have not smothered to day, my progress tomorrow may be obscured by shadows, and to make the picture true both sides of humanity's struggle should be considered.

While I to day rest in peace and calmness under the placid roof of my reverend friend, my next stopping place may be amidst the hurry and bustle of a community where in his everyday life taste of the bitter experience of the dark side of human nature, and this delocal into the faithful recorder is bound to toll over in its weakness and deformity, also his report will be partial and unreliable—Whether the deplorable rotates the world's scale or woe.

His theory involves a weighing and balancing of the griefs and ills that befall humanity as against the sum total of the bliss and joys that fall to the lot of mankind.

Those who are conversant with both sides of the great human problem know well that grief and sorrow outweigh all the real joys and gladness that mankind can claim to its credit. If this gloomy fact be a real truth, will it not provoke the serious-minded moral thinkers to a deep study of its primary cause? And will not that deep study of the vital problem lead to the inevitable conclusion that mankind in general is greatly to blame for a large part of its own misfortune and distress?

The moral leprosy that eats the deepest into the heart of man is the selfish greed and lust for wealth. It is on record that the late Col. James Fisk said of his own father, "He would not lie for nothing, but he would tell many lies for a gain of ten cents."

If from this degrading vice of the dishonest hoarding of money, millions of men to-day would be better Christians, and they would have a higher idea of the end and purpose for which they have been born. It is useless to speculate as to their probable amendment of life, for so long as the thirst for gold continues the fell monster of greed and avarice will always have his sway, and during the continuance of that state of moral delinquency the great Law-giver will not be obeyed, nor will His precepts and Commandments get their just fulfilment. There is a great moral power and visible agency—the Catholic Church—working with all her might to stem the rising tide of corruption and she is striving with all her force to Christianize and to make men honest and virtuous, and the task before her is appalling and only by her supernatural strength can she make head-way against the onward flow of dishonesty, error and deceit.

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