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TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

Shea, besides his other good qualities, was an ardent Irishman, proud of his descent and fully aware of the defects as well as the merits of the race. His information was both broad and accurate and he could quote

The Irish in America-Their Value as by the yard not merely from the old-Guardians of the Peace and of er and better known poets, though he Property-The Heroes of the Muni- knew Tom Moore by heart and in cipal Departments-John D. Shea, that intimate manner that meant a life-long knowledge of his works, but a Famous Chicago Policeman and from those younger poets who are en-Detective-A Companion Hero to deavoring under innumerable disad-Denis J. Sweme, the late Fire vantages to make the Irish nation tuneful once more. The people of Chi-Chief-A Man that was Absolutely cago had especial occasion to thank it-and Murphy was down and out be-Feerless, Discreet, Powerful and God that so efficient a Shea as this fore he knew his safety was imperillparticular member of "the fighting ed. race," set the pace for her municipal

I have been making some studies of limited materials will allow, to find a companion hero for the late fire chief, Denis J. Swenie, and I think I have found him. I am acquainted with two or three ex-Chiefs, an inspector or two, and a captain or two of the Chicago police. One of the ex-Chiefs has distinguished himself as a business man, another is famous as a man I have selected is neither of these, is not now alive, having, like Swenie, died a few years ago, greatly regretted.

One day in July, 1903, I witnessed here are some of the incidents he a policeman's funeral in Chicago. culled: It was large and imposing and included the following well-known police officers as pall-bearers and 'nonory pall-bearers, many of whom in the past had performed acts of heroism themselves: Police Inspector Nicholas Hunt, Ex-Chief; R. O'-Meara, Ex-Chief John Bolan, Ex-Chief Austin J. Doyle, Ex-Chief Joseph Kipley, Inspector John Whelan, Capt. Martin Hayes, Lieut. Patrick Harding, Capt. Peter Kelly, Lieut. Stephen Healy, Chief Francis O'Neill, ex-Capt. William Buckley, Prof. John P. Barrett, Lieut. Andy Rohan, Wm. J. Moxlev, John C. Schubert, Dr. F. W. Riley, William A. Pinkerton, the Ward. Besides these prominent members of the police force and ex-members of the same, were a number of private citizens. I copy those names are as police officers in Chicago. In the list are the names of five exchiefs, all of whom were Irish. . .

soldiery for so many years, and the stories of his personal prowess, his the Chicago policemen, so far as my bravery and his skill are innumerable

A Chicago journalist wrote a ballad once on the American fireman, basing it on the long life, and distinguished services of Shea's country- erable incidents attest this. man, the late Denis J. Swenie, a sketch of whose career I have already given in these columns, and in casting about for a comparison to it on musician and the compiler of a great the American policeman, he talked work of Irish airs and so on, but the with a score of "the force," asking influential that it was thought better Pius X. to look after the religious afthem for some striking incident on which a simple song might be based, and nearly every one he has said, went associates. Whalen was seen with a pointed-and so on. But the report back to something Shea had done, and man of evil reputation called "Kid" in spite of contradictions, has con-

he heard read one night a description ing man of powerful physique, strong change their State Secretaries someof a sadly needed thief. An hour latloon on Shea's beat and went upthe middle of the drinking place, and the young officer stationed himself gone home. there to wait. Another man would have sent for help to the station, for the thief was known to be a desperate character. But Shea stood there out from the right-hand side of FI- even the good or bad fortune to be alone for an hour or two before the criminal and his companions, as evil of partly burned lard oil on his fin- College itself was surprised that Pius great detective, ex-Capt. William as minsen, came down side, Shea as himself, came down the stairs. gers. by a sudden movement, thrust his hand down the man's neck as he passed him, to get a firm grasp on his

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from behind, knocking him down be-

is he sitting?" asked Shea. "By the

window that looks out on the alley,"

was the reply. Single-handed Shea

set out. A glance through the closed window of the saloon satisfied him

of Murphy's position and identity, and in an instant the officer was through

the window-he did not pause to open

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Perhaps John Shea commended himself to the people of Chicago in nothing so much as in his repeatedly tested ability to extract the truth from evil doers, when there was little or no evidence against them outside of

their own guilty knowledge. Innum-A pawn shop on Adams street was not seem worth while to refer in this entered one night, the safe blown correspondence to the report that stolen. A safe-blower named Whelan Cardinal Merry del Val had lost the open and \$5,000 worth of jewelry confidence of the Pope; that Cardinal to watch him and make the effort to fairs of France; that a new Secre obtain evidence through some of his tary of State was soon to be ap-

was gathered in and brought before it will be no harm to describe the "When Shea was newly on the force Shea. Elliott was a tall, fine-look- situation as it really is. Popes do

er a man of this description with a Shea's threats and cajolery alike dur-ing, in the abstract, if Pius X. denumber of companions entered a sa- ing a period of twelve hours. For two cided to change his after trying him stairs to the gambling rooms running his mouth, and Joe Kipley, Shea's Merry del Val was a young man unthere. The staircase came down to partner, through many years of thief-1 der forty when he was raised at once Shea at last went through Elliott's important and difficult in the Church.

pockets himself, in the hope of finding He had no great experience in the something. When he brought his hand routine of diplomacy, and he had not liott's sack coat he noticed the odor an Italian by birth. Even the Sacred

"Take off that coat," he said to members, say Cardinal Agliardi or Elliott; and to an officer in the room: Cardinal Ferrata, and it is just pos-'Bring me the dark lantern you found sible that some of them regarded the in Mark's place"-the only clew, be experiment with some trepidation. If here to show how prominent the Irish collar. As he did it one of the crowd it remarked, that the burglars had there are any of them who have not struck Shea on the back of the head left behind. In one breath Shea changed their minds during the last Cardinal." proved to his prisoner that no one two years, they certainly do not

Our Debentures commany ways, and many of them very bine an absolutely safe radical ones, in the Roman Congresecurity with a profitgations, in the mode of electing Bishable return for the ops, in Italy, in the administration of money invested. They the Vatican household, in the discipare issued in sums of linary regulations of Rome. But he does not like change for the mere sake of change. Dr. Lapponi was Leo XIII's medical man and the head of the Vatican corps of doctors-Pius X. has retained his services in the same capacity; Mgr. Marzolini was the most serious danger of our re-Leo XIII's private Secretary, and publican institutions was ignorance. held a special office connected with the financial affairs of the Holy Seeto-day he holds exactly the same offices under Pius X. More remarkable It has been a leader in education and still is the case of Mgr. della Chiesa. has done a wonderful work in inspir-He was Vice-Secretary of State un- ing the young people of America with der Cardinal Rampolla, and he has continued to be Vice-Secretary of State under Cardinal Merry del Val. procession of young men and women Pius X., then, was not likely to now going to our higher institutions

He has made changes enough in

out some good reason. That he has spicuous features of the country's life. not sought or found any reason good

WHAT HE SAYS HIMSELF.

One of the dearest personal friends the past year have proved absolutely of Pius X. is a young priest who liv- that the greatest danger to this couned for some time with him when he try is the corruption of corporations. was Patriarch of Venice. He is a very brilliant man, but so humble how much the colleges have done to that, when His Holiness made him a resist this kind of corruption. Have prelate last year, he was quite as- their graduates stood stoutly against tonished. But when he appeared a it? Not in all cases. College gralew days later before the Pope clad duates frequently become lawyers, in his purple silk robes, Pius X. twit- and if there is anything which a corted him so unmercifully about the poration that has set out to do the gorgeousness of his appearance, that people likes it is a very shrewd and he has never since donned them. Well, the other day the Holy Father was big fees for the kind of service walking in the Vatican gardens with wants. Even Daniel Webster would this priest, and the conversation have been compelled to cover his somehow turned on the reports about blushing face and admit that the fees Cardinal Merry del Val's supposed now paid by corporations would precarious position. "What foolish make his largest money like small things the newspapers say some change. One corporation lawyer is times," said Pius X. "and how lit- understood to have received a cool le they seem to know about my re- million for a piece of service, and the ard for His Eminence." And then insurance corporations paid such men he spoke most touchingly of his affec- as might be mentioned many thoustion for his Secretary of State, and ands a year just to smile and look of his confidence in his consummate the other way wisdom and prudence-"in such a Others who are high-minded have

way," added your correspondent's in- nevertheless been enlisted in the serformant, who was no other than the vice of the corporations in such a young priest himself, "as to leave on manner that their voices are not has an extraordinary regard for the corruption. Take the whole gradu-

could hold him innocent with that number more than two or three. The THE EX-SECRETARY OF STATE, even question whether it has not fur-Cardinal Rampolla will certainly not be obliged to the Temps for in- ents. volving his name in the absurd report

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Failure of Education as a Factor in Combating the Most Dangerous Influence of the Day.

(From the Advance, Congregationalist.)

Once the sentiment prevailed that The college was set up as a cure for it, and it has done its work well. intellectual aspiration. The vast change his Secretary of State with- of learning is one of the most con-But the years have brought a strikor bad, the following story will show. ing change, and we now know that ignorance is no longer our greatest danger. The appalling revelations of Therefore the question arises as to very able lawyer. It is ready to pay

ne the impression that his Holiness raised against this worst source of ate force of the colleges and it is an hished more influential defenders of predatory corporations than oppon-Another hindrance to the influence for he cherishes 'he peace and seclu- of the college is the need of money. sion which he so well deserves. Al- It always has been a real need, but most every afternoon, about two it has been greatly aggravated by the Two or three times a week he attends something tremendous. To keep up the Congregations of which he is a with it is a problem which keeps the member. With those exceptions he college man awake at night, and sorenever leaves his house, and within it ly anxious every day. If he does nearly all his time is spent in his not get money his troubles thicken. private library, which also serves him If he takes money from the man of a for a reception room. He never leaves predatory past, he is in danger of Rome even for a day, and not even lapsing into silence regarding corporin the fiercest heats of summer. He ate corruption. And there he is. has lately published a very erudite The effect of all this has been such work on the life and times of St. as to make the country somewhat been fully reassured by the ringing declaration of some of the recent commencement addresses that honesty is Some time in July Cardinal Merry good and that self-sacrifice is noble.

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Report of New Secretary of State for His Holiness-Cardinal Merry Del Val had Managed with Tact and Skill-Pope Makes Other Changes

Last week, says the Rome correspondent of the London Tablet, it did

Elliott, several times, and Elliott tinued to find some acceptance, and

enough in body and mind to resist times, and it would not be surprishours of that time he had not opened for two years and a half. Cardinal taking, had given up in disgust and to the Sacred College and to a position which is in many ways the most

X, did not choose one of the older

sort of evidence against him, and in general opinion among the Cardinals

The officer these men were burying was police Inspector John D. Shea, better known as chief of detectives, who was a fearless man, an honest man, and a great detective. The coffin was covered with flowers wrought into all kinds of designs. His horse, which was named "Parnell," was in the cortege, drawing an empty buggy. Tears glistened in the eyes of many spectators as this silent evidence of the passing of the beloved officer came into view.

At St. Elizabeth's church after a requiem mass had been sung, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Edward Kelly, chaplain of the 7th regiment. Besides the police and friends in attendance, members of the Chicago Council Knights of Columbus, attended the service in a body.

I am writing now of a hero, an Irish hero, and it will not be amiss to here quote from that heroic poem, "The Fighting Race," by Joseph I. 'C. Clarke, a New York journalist:

When Michael, the Irish archangel, stands.

The angel with the sword, And the battle-dead from a hundred

lands Are ranged in one big horde,

Our line, that for Gabriel's trumpet waits,

Will stretch three deep that day, From Jehosophat to the Golden Gates-

Kelly and Burke and Shea. "Well, here's thank God, for the race

and the sod!"

Said Kelly and Burke and Shea.

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the next promised him immunity from of the Curia is that the Cardinal Se-WANTED further questioning if he would tell cretary has managed the affairs of where the jewelry was concealed. El- State with unerring tact and skill. ACTIVE LADY CANVASSERS liott's stolidity broke down. THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

Central Station in New York," contents intact was found, and Jack ed to break with the Holy See, and and Paddy Kavanagh went to the penitentiary for the crime, with oth- the Vatican into the position of ag-

The writer from whom I quote, said tion of the Holy See, and the clumsy he had been asked again and egain since Shea's death, whether or not he was an honest man. He was an honest man no matter from what point of view you took him, and his friends and acquaintances demanded no further proof of it than lay in his abso-

ran, and Shea almost instantly after of any man nor any set of men, and not understand the character of Pius year. them. A sledge hammer would not his thirty years of public service left him absolutely unapproachable by those devious influences which had ed, "and it is easier to take the Shea was a better runner than any and slighter character. It was be- on." caught up to them, passed through cause of his fearlessness and Lonestv them and grabbed his man, pinning -and perhaps because he was a man him against a high board fence. Be-

fore the chief's associates had more than made a motion toward their hips the police force of Chicago. Shea had his revolver out and its

muzzle against his captive's temple. at them; "but this whelp o' hell dies back, desperate men that they were, while the policeman took the thief down the middle of the street to the all have to make for a foothold on quoted remarked, "peace to the soul this earth.

During the great teamsters' strike There was a murderer loose on the took a part active enough to include West Side once while Shea was a his hitting a rioter or two with his Murphy for want of a better name crooked stick, enfeebled though he was lice department and Swenie at the at the time, and yet he said not with- head of the fire department of Chicafor him. He had given out that the out a smile, that the teamsters were go-both good and true, but now desure to win in the end, because all ceased-the value of the Irish as guarpoliceman who touched him died, and his character was sufficiently well the policemen in the world could not dians of the peace and of the safety known to have convinced those keep a man with a wrench from get- of the people, is well vindicated. At ting to a wagon now and then and the present time the Mayor, the Chief threatened that he would keep his

taking the nut off the hub. "It only of Police and the Chief of the fire de-A young man came into the station takes a wagon or two with a wheel partment, are all Irish. one night to say that "Red" Murphy off to blockade a street," he observwas in a saloon not far away. "Where

The Vatican White Book alone offers "If you will telegraph to the Grand the clearest evidence of the honesty he and resourcefulness of the diplomacy houes before dusk, he drives from enormous amounts which the multisaid at last, "for a trunk to be call-del Val Everybody knows now that his isolated house under the shadow millionaires of the great corporations ed for there, you will find everything the Erench Government was determine of St. Peter's, and returns shortly have given to some institutions. The untouched in it." The trunk with its the French Government was determin-before the bells ring out the Angelus. plutocrat has made the college pace tried every available device to force gressor; the tell-tale documents are on record before the whole world, showing the patience and considera-

violence of the French Jacobins.

THE POPE'S CHANGES.

Still, in spite of all this, it is possible to suppose that Pius X. might Melania the Elder, and he is now en- doubtful of the college as a factor in like to make a change; but the posi- gaged in another historical work combating the most corrupting influfore he could get his grip. The crowd lute fearlessness. He was not aliaid bility exists only for those who do which may see the light early next ence of the day. Nor has the public

THE HOLIDAYS.

of the gang he was after, and he ruined many a man of smaller calibre wheels off than it is to put them del Val will take up his residence for These sentiments were admitted beabout six weeks at Castel Grandolfo fore.

in the splendid old papal palace on Many anecdotes have been told in the brow of Lake Albano. There was Death of Mrs. Geo. Cunningham of intense human sympathies siso, Chicago of John D. Shea that would the usual report that the Holy Faththat John Shea was selected as mem- not be well understood here, so I er himself would go there this sumto bring their guns into action, John ber of the trial board that disciplines leave that good officer, who was fear- mer, but unhappily the times will not less, who was honest and who was permit of this. The Cardinal will He had no sympathy whatever with Irish, to die, the result of a strict have a special telephone wire com-

"Shoot me, ye villains," he yelled law-breakers, no matter whether they adherence to duty. The sickness that municating with the Vatican, and will were trade-unionists or millionaires, undermined his iron constitution was come to Rome (the distance is only first." And the vile crowd stood but he did sympathize through all caught in what was known as the about eighteen miles) once every week his life with the poor man and the Kellogg Switchboard strike. So, as for the official receptions and transunder-dog in the long fight that we the Chicago writer whom I have action of special business.

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Mrs. Geo. Cunningham, Gravenhurst, who died June 27th, was prepared for death and had for some time awaited with Christian patience the will of God in her behalf. Her husband had pre-deceased her about four years. She leaves behind to mourn her loss six sons and one daughter.

The funeral took place on Friday morning at 9.15. High Mass was chanted by Rev. Father Collins of Gravenhurst. The body was laid to rest in St. Paul's cemetery. The daughter, Mrs. J. Gannon of Webwood, attended the funeral. Others present were William Cunningham of Brentwood; George Cunningham of Gravenhurst, and Ed. Cunningham, Dan. Cunningham, Joseph Cunningham and Tim Cunningham, of Bracebridge. The pall-bearers were: Mr. The priests of the Archdiocese are J. Doyle of Toronto, Mr. J. Mc-



Retreat of the Priests of the Diocese

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this week on their Annual Retreat Gowan, Mr. Orchard of Balla, Mr. at St. Michael's College. Rev. Fa- G. Cassidy, P. Gallagher and Mr. ther Connolly, S.J., of Guelph is giv- Bibby. R.I.P. ing the Retreat. Sick calls are being

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