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Public Schools.

Rey, Father McCluskey, S.J., Speaks Plainly on an Important Subject.

Catholic Parents Admenished for Sending Their Children to Godless Schools.

The New Bankruptcy Law Before the State Legistature.

New York, March 23rd, 1998.

Rev. Father McCluskey, SJ., of St. Francis Xavier Church, has courageous ly taken a stand against the non-Catholic action of professed Catholics in sending their children to public schools, and not providing en any way for their spiritual education. Rev Father Mc-Cluskey is the director of the Sunday School attached to St. Francis Xavier, education of which they stand so much and recencly he published an article in in need. In other words, they are subwhich he did not mince his words. The such a thing as that occurs. I believe advocates of the public school took great | that it should be corrected at all hazards. umbrage and attempted to make an There are many children who do not at agitation in the secular press. many of the newspapers here being only too glad to drag the Church, religion, education, Church as do those who attend the or anything that is held excred, into the public schools. filthy pile of sensationalism that is gathered together every merning for the delectation of people who see nothing because he knows that their spiritual interesting in news unless its garnish ing be irreligious, blasphemous or scan- ful manner."

policy has reached almost unfathemable question of religious education in Canadepths of degradation, who serve as da. It shows to what a pass a mere scavengers—of carriers to tickle the de secular education may bring people, prayed palates of godless patrons such who with other advantages would be a thing as an honest straightforward good Cathelics, instead of callous ones. note of warning from a priest whose In Canada, of course, the situation is not whole sim in life is the greater glory of so hopeless as it is under the influences of God, is sacerly enatched at Forthwith the cosmopolitanism of Greater New startling headliness appear, and the York, where in many cases the semble good father is subjected to the tortuous ances of religion take on the apparel of and impertinent questioning of the social functions, where there is little and imperiment above, whose real object spirituality, and where the mere fact of newspaper interviewer, whose real object spirituality, and where the mere fact of newspaper interviewer, but to build up a going to Church is done under fachion sensational story. To all good Catholics | able pressure because it seems the prop it will be at once apparent how flimsy er thing to do in the face of men. It are the foundations of the attacks upon is the fattery of hypocrisy paid to rethe Church. Following is the peragraph ligion. It is the outcome of an educain Father McCluskey's article, to which | tion that is merely secular. exception was taken :--

Thursday at four o'clock, until the day of the first communion, on May 21 These classes are already orgenized pals of our parochial schools, the princi-

tion. The reverend director of the Sun-creditors

Spiritual Starvation in American day school will do his utmost to save these children, whose parents are so blind to their eternal interests.'

The Sunday school referred to in the last paragraph is that of St. Francis Xavier's Church.

And cut of these words of simple, straightforward instruction and warning has arizen what is popularly, if not cor-rectly, termed an agitation. These sentiments were supposed to be antagonistic to the welfare of the educational system of the great State of New York, where men are supposed to be sabsidiary sovereigns in a sovereign state! Think of it for a moment and analyze-God, the Creator, the Redeemer, a future life, the salvation or dammation of the soul. the very existence of the soul at all-in these public schools are treated as unknown quantities, with never the interest taken in them that would mark the struggle of the scholar striving after an unknown quantity in an algebraic

And when a priest deres to point out this gaping void in an educational system he is wendered at by men, quondam Catholics, whose nominal religion and patriotism seem to be permeated with the polluting influence of what is presumed to be practical politics.

Inen interview Rev. Father McCleskey spoke these words, when asked by a re porter if the article above quoted had been written by him:-

"I certainly wrote it, and have not been misquoted in the least," he said. It expresses my sentunents exactly. When I say anything I never mince my words. I never allow my meaning to be micunderstood. I think the proper way to do is to go right to the point.

"I consider that in the public schools children do not receive the apiritual tend rublic schools who are also exposed to spiritual starvation, and they need as much attention at the hands of the

"I believe that there is nothing that pleases Robert Ingercoll more than to see children attending public schools, education is neglected there in a shame-

Here is an object lesson to those who With a portion of the press—whose have been struggling with the same

Special classes for the unfortunate The bankruptcy bill of Senator Nuss-children who do not attend Catholic baum passed the Senate of the State The bankruptcy bill of Senator Nussschools will be held every Monday and Legislature on Tuesday by a vote of 28 to 7. This important measure, which from present appearances is likely to become law, contains many interesting under the immediate care of the princi- features Among other things it provides that a person owing \$250 or more pal of the boys' school instructing the may apply for voluntary bankruptcy, boys in his own school, 151 and 153 West and that a creditor or creditors, when Nineteenth street, and the principal of claims aggregate \$250, may apply for the firls school instructing the girls at involuntary bankruptcy on specified 44 and 45 West Eighteenth street. grounds. Bonds must be given by We are not going to allow any un- creditors to guard against wrongful use prepared children to make their first of the right to thus make application. communion Parents who are so neglect. After application a manager shall be ful of their, children's spiritual interests appointed until the assignee is named. as to send them to schools where they It is said that the system proposed will are educated as if they had no souls, reduce the cost of winding up estates. will please remember that it is a most Foreign creditors cannot attach any serious obligation for them to see that property of a bankrupt acquired subsethese children are most prompt in at quent to the adjudication. It also deals tendance at these instructions, so as to with the all important question of the make up in some way for the course of discharge of the bankrupt. He must, spiritual starvation to which they are for instance, pay 50 per cent. unless he condemned by their un Catholic educa- obtains the consent of a majority of his

St. Patrick's Day at Montreal added to the dramatic powers he displayed, evoked from an appreciative audience round upon round of applause. J.

But, in spite of all obstacles, the students language of Bossuet and Racine for their native tongue, should have listened, not only attentively, but with absorbing interest, to a drama in the language of Shakespeare. The leading role, that of Dermot O'Connor, was ably interpreted by I.S. MoCrory His clear annualization of the scored. Messis, as blacksmiths, by their witty and support and by I.S. MoCrory His clear annualization. by J. S. MaCrory. His clear enunciation, encores without number,

ed, evoked from an appreciative audience

round upon round of applause. J. The College has always boasted of its of that difficult rôle, the stern and angry father. It was the gentleman's first aphaps, never in its history was the feast pearance on the stage, but he showed of Erin's Apostle celebrated with such | none of the embarrassment of the begineclat as this year. In the evening, the ner, and delighted all with his intelli-English spesking students presented gent interpretation of his part. E. Cray, the four act drams, from the pen of Mr. as Dermot's triend, deserves more than James Martin, entitled the Siege of passing notice; Mr. Cray has been seen Limerick.' The piece is a difficult one, before, but never to better advantage. and from the start obstacles threatened it, His rôle was a hard one, but he was firstly the illness of Rev. Father Mc equal to it. E. Faucher, as Sarsfield, Grath, as well as of several of the actus. | was up to his usual mark, and in several parts surpassed all former efforts. worked at it, and in the end, saw their Mesers Polan and Cole, as two lively efforts crowned with success. Perhaps Irish boys, and E Magnire as a Brave the best enlogy that could be given was . Domestic, kept the audience in continual the fact that an audience composed, for rowrs of laughter, and the play is due to the most part, of those who claim the them in great measure for the success it language of Bossuet and Racine for scored. Messre. McMillan, Blain and

MAINE DISASTER. ECHOES FROM ENGLAND OUR OTTAWA LETTER. FROM THE OLD

quiry Completed.

President McKinley's Probable Action upon the Reception of the Document-What Spain Thinks of the Preparations now Going on in the United States - The Compensation Bill for the Officers and Crew of the Ill-fated Battle-ship.

Judging by recent dispatches it would appear that President McKinley has not changed his views in the least in regard to the question of war with Spain. He is as solicitous for peace at present as he was months ago. For the first time, however, since the terrible disaster to the battleship Maine a month ago, the end of the anxiety in regard to the cause of the terrible occurrence as new in sight.

The report of the board of enguary, it is said, has reach Washington. The President has suggested to the party leaders that one or both Horses of Congress skall adjourn until Monday.

Should this arrangement be made, the President will have two days in which to examine the Board of Enquiry's report, and possibly make some representations to Epain on the subject of an explanation. It is his intention Monday to send the findings and accompanying evidence to Congress. It is his desize that Congress refrain from taking any action on the Maine incident, but per mit him Erst to invite a veluntary offer of suitable reparation and explanations from Spain. But if the temper of Congress proves to be such as is now indi cated the President is prepared for the passage of either a resolution instructing him to recognize the independence of Cuba or one directing him to intervene by force and establish peace on the island.

It is almost the unanimous belief among nublic men that no long delay is now possible, but that Congress will pass a resolution in favor of immediate inter vention. If Congress can be held in check for a few days, it is the intention of the Fresident to present first the destruction of the Maine to Spain for settlement. Failing to receive a satisfactory response within a reasonable time, he may then suggest recognition or intervention as a result of such refusal.

WHAT WILL-SPAIN DO?

If the reply from Spain should prove satisfactory—if, for instance, an apology is tendezed with the promise of ample reparation-he will hold the consular reports and other correspondence bear ing on the Cuban question and make them the basis of subsequent representations to Congress for dealing with the general and broader question. This is the plan the President now hopes to follow. It may be changed by necessity. He is consulting and desires both Houses of Congress to agree with him. All bis advices from party leaders are that when the Maine report is presented, showing that the vessel was destroyed by an external agency, nothing can restrain Congress from taking energetic action. The President, on Tuesday last, called into consultation with him Senstor Davis, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee; Senator Shelby M. Callom, a member of the committee; Senator Eugene Hale, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee. He also sent for Representative Hitt, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Representatives Cannon and Ding-ley, the two leaders in the House. He telephoned for Speaker Reed, and was

alone with him for a long time. TO PREVENT PREMATURE ACTION. One purpose of these conferences was to prevent premature action by either house of Congress when the Board of Inquiry report is made public. The Presiient is most anxious to deal with Spain himself, and to show Prime Minister Sagasta, who has 'not yet refused anything the President has ever asked,' the most punctilious consideration and courtesy. Speaker Reed said the House would be difficult to control. While personally he was opposed to the annex ation of Cuba and had not heretofore been friendly to the cause of the insurgents, he had become convinced since the destruction of the Maine that definite action had been too long delayed

The Situation From a Spanish Stand-point.

by the United States Government.

A New York daily paper contains the following despatch from Madrid, bearing date 22nd instant. It says: papers here publish full reports of the movements of the United States warships, and of the defensive preparations making by the Government of the United States.

It is reported that the Spanish war ship selected to convoy the torpedo flotilla has sailed from Carthagena for the Canary Islands. It appears that the delay in the voyage of the boats is due to the fact that the Ariete, one of them, sustained some slight damage while on

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The Report of the Naval Board of In- Appeal of Cardinal Vaughan in Behalf Grand Celebration of the National Mr. John Parnell Appointed to the

of Destitate Children.

His Holiness the Pope may be Called Upon to Settle the Cuban Dispute-Will There be Another Royal Visit to Ireland ?-- Boys for the Canadian Territory-Other Interesting Notes.

London, March 15, 1898.

An appeal under the direct approval of Cardinal Vaughan, has been issued for more extensive support for the institutions for destitute Catholic children. At pr sent there are four homes in operation in London: the St. Vincent's Home, 200 beds; St. Patrick's Home, 50 beds; St. Joseph's Home, 286 beds: and St. Anthony's Home, 200 beds. The atpeal, which has been scattered broadcast through England, plainly states that while the Church is gaining in conversions she is losing in the children who are stolen from her by the various Protestant denominations who feed the body in order to filch away the soul.

Tie Hellierenn und ambre.

K is learned from Rome that regotiations are at present in progress between the Pope and the Queen degent of Spain, and the Papal Nursio and the Spanish Government, in the hope that Spain will decide to accept arbitration, which is benceforth the sole means of avoiding war with the United States, since the Government at Madrid can no longer hope to schdue Cabe. It is thought that the bead of the Church would be the best entitled to settle the question, as his verdict would be binding on all the Catholic people of Cuba, because all insurgenia who refused to accept the Papal decision would thereby be excommunicated. Mgr. Martinelli, the Papal representative at Washington, has informed the Vatican that the American Government would not object papel arbitration, but the Nuncio at Madrid telegraphed that the Spanish Cabin t would admit of no foreign later

Another Me, al Visit Spaken Of.

It is freely stated in efficial carcles ircland in the near future, and that in all probability it will fall to the lot of the Prince of Wales and the Princes to do the honors. One of the greatest advocates of the viert is Lord B resford, the fighting Irishman of the English army

En Rwete to Canada.

Last week there was a great gather ing in Camberwell Baths for the pur pose of bidding farewell to a herd of Catholic boys, who in the course of a few days will sail for Canada. Rev. Canon McGrath gave the address of the evening. Among other things he said that some years ago he had the privilege of visiting Canada. It had often been a matter of surprise to him that new countries like Canada were of such a Protestant character, but his visit to that country had provided an explanation. In the ship in which they sailed from Liverpool there were 1,200 persons, who were emigrating, and the whole of that number, with the exception of forty Catholic boys and six passengers, were Protestants, and this proved to him the reason of a new country becoming Protestant. The Manitoba school question was the result of a vast increase of Protestants who emigrated from England. He (the speaker) was glad to think that a similar movement on the part of Catholics was taking place, and that boys and girls were being sent out to spread the faith which they loved in the new land. Rev. Father St. John, who conducts the work of rescue and emigration, spoke in the highest terms of the priesthood of Canada, paying a special tribute to the Oblat Fathers.

Ordination at St. Mary's Seminary.

His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Ilsley, Bishop of Birmingham, held an ordination on Saturday at St. Mary's Seminary, Oscott. The order of Subdiaconate was conferred on the Rev. Herbert Vaughan (son of Colonel Vaughan and nephew of His Eminence the Cardinal), the Rev. J. Powell, the Rev. J. Connolly, the Rev. C Bailey, the Rev. L Emery, the Rev H Macdonald, the Rev. J. Bredin and the Rev W. Bull; the Diaconate on the Rev. E. Burton, the Rev. J. Briggs. the Rev. J. Maloney, the Rev. C. Fisher, the Rev. G. Hudson, the Rev. W. Poulton, the Rev. A. Emery, the Rev. W. Doran and the Rev. E. Power. The following were raised to the priesthood: the Rev. B. Dowd, the Rev. A. O'Leary, the Rev. J. Carey, the Rev. O. Fitzgerald, the Rev. F. Kernan and the Rev. J. Blakelock.

Father Ring's Triumphant Victory.

The Catholics of England have secured a notable triumph in electing Rev. Father Ring, rector of Silvecton, to the Continued on Page Five.

Festival.

Aberdeen Delivers an Able Address-The Subject was Old Celtic Legends.

OTTAWA, March 24, 1898.

Although almost a week has elapsed since 8:. Patrick's Day, the method of its celebration is still a prolific subject for conversation and divides the interest with the doings and sayings of the wise mes, in the Parliament buildings. Truly the members of St. Patrick's Literary Association have reason to congratulate themselves on the great success of their spendid entertainment. Seldom are such functions witnessed in the Capital; certainly never a more interesting one. It was a feast of reason mingled with the sweetest music that ever emanated from the Emerald isle. Never had the raeladic paetry of Moore been rendered more artistically or listened to more enthusiastically. The national color was in evidence everywhere. The audience was a brilliant one and every seat and kex in the Theatre was occupied. The appearance of their Excellencies Lord and Ludy Aberdeen, was the occasion for one of those apontaneous outlursts that are characteristic of the Irish people all the world over. Indeed, there is every reason why the colebration of St. Patrick's Day, 1898, in Ortawa should long live in the memory it certainly will in the memories of these who were tortenate enough to take part in it. Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Loyden respectively, President and Secretary of the Literary Association, were the recipients of many congratulations, and right well they were despreed.

In opening the concert Mr. Monaghan nade a happy and patriotic speech. Decupying a box with Rev. Fathers Constantineau and F dion of the Univers ity, were Rev. Fathers O'Reilly and Stanley, two worthy natives of Ireland, who would take back with them a pleasant recollection of the love that still burns in the new world for the old land of our fathers. With a "caed mille failthe," Vir. Monaghan closed his address and the concert opened. It is not in the compass et this letter to individualize the many excellent members weich made up a hingthy programme, suffice it to say that it was distinctively Irish and that the national instrument of Ireland, the harp played a very imp rant part. Those contributing were: Miss therride Mac Grady, Mary Incz Godwir, harps; Misses Kathleen O'Trien and Kate Ryan, violins; Misses Queenie Davis, Gussie Sims and Almira Sims, piano The vocal numbers were provided by Miss Marie Louise Clary and Miss Rebecca MacKenzie, New Yrk; Miss Steckel, Misses J. P Clarke, J. M Williams, Montreal Miss Maggie S evens and Mr. J. Stevens illustrated the bean ties of the national dances, of which it it has been written:

How the old Irish jig came in fashion-Believe me the story is true-By Adam and Eve 'twas invented;

The reason why-partners were few. And oft in the old halls of Tara,

That valiant King, Brian Boru, Danced the old jig with his nobles, And played his own harp to it, too.

The great feature of the evening, however, was the address delivered by Her Excellency the Countess of Aber deen, who chose for her subject that most interesting one, old Celtic legends Ireland has no better friend than the Countess of Aberdeen, and none appreciste her noble effects more than the grateful people in whose cause she has striven so well. The address delivered by Her Excellency was not of the merely entertaining kind; it showed a deep and conscientious study, not only of legendary lore, but also of Irish history The tenor of the lecture and its de ivery betrayed the real love the Countess feels for the country for which the has done so much. It was another flower in the garland of gratitude that all true Irish men will be happy to offer her. The effect it had on her auditors was nobly expressed in the words of thanks which came from the lips of Rev. Father Fallon and Hon, John Costigan.

Her Excellency's Address.

Following is a brief synopsis of Her Excellency's address O lening with the words of the poet Arnold, she said : -

' Drenched in the 'airy dew of natural magic'-does not the ter apply to all that pertains to that little enchant d Isle in the western sen?

'Inisfail the fair' -- the isle of fate, sought for of old by all the adventurous spirits who were impelled to penetrate beyond the known limits of the world. Erin, the isle of heroes of giants and of scholars, the land of the harper and the bard-the land where the voice of Naturreigns supreme-the home of music and art and learning during long consuries when Europe was plunged in darkness, is it not-has it not-ever been under the spell of the magician;

Go ask her dromlechs and cairns and See Page Five.

Office of City Marshal.

Her Excellency the Countess of Tenants Rights Association Pass Resolutions - The Orangemen Nervous About the '98 Celebration--Recent Deaths-Religious Notes and Echoes of the Centenary Demonstrations.

Dublan, March 16, 1898.

Mr. John H. Parnell, M.P., has been elected to the office of city marshal of the Corporation, rendered vacant by Mr. Clancy's retirement. There were fourteen candidates for the effice, which is: worth El,000 a year in fees. The selection of Mr. Parnell was made the occasion of a grand demonstration in honer of the successful condidate's distinguished relative, the late Charles. Stewart Parnell.

Appointments in the Dublin Archi diocese.

His Grace the Arcubishop of Dublin has just appointed the Very Rev. Michael Brady, of St. Leurence O'Toole's Dublin, Archdeacon of Glendalough, in succession to the venerable Archdescon Keogh, whose demise was amounteed lately. We also learn that the Very Rev. P. Fee. Administrator of the Pro Cathedral, Dublin, has been appointed by His Grece to the pastoral charge of Balbriggan.

Death of an Irish Lord.

Lord Holmpatrick died on Sunday at his residence, Abbotstown, County Dublin. The deceased baren (who was the first holder of the title, having been one of the Diamond Jubilee peers) was well known as the Right, Hon, Ion Trant Hamilton, and as a commoner he represented County Dublin in Parliament in the Conservative interest from 1863 to 1885. He married in 1877 Lady Victoria, daughter of the late Major General Lord Charles Welfesley, M.P., and sister of the third Dake of Wellington. He is sare eded by his sen, the Hon, Hans Wellesley, bomin 1885.

Tenants' Defense Association.

At a recent meeting of the Mountmorri's Branch of the Ulster Tenants' Detence Association, the tellowing resogitions were unantmourly adopted :

1st- That ewing to the low prices strainable for all kinds of farm produce and the high price of labor, we look upon the recent decisions given by the sub-commissioners as wholly inadequate, and as depriving the tenants of the benefits of the Land Act, which states that no rent shall be charged on the improvements made by the tenant or his predecessor's.

2nd-' That we view with satisfaction the action of the United Commissioners in increasing the rents fixed by the Sub-Commissioners, which rents are still too high; such decisions are weakening public confinence in the fitness of the Chief Commissioners for the equitable performance of its duties.'

3rd- That owing to the action of the landlords in opposing the fair working of the Land Acts, and in attempting to intimidate the Land Commissioners, we consider that the time has come for the farmers all over Ireland to combine so as o be able to counteract the influences which are at work to deprive them of he benefits of the Land Acts.'

4th-'That we view with indignation and alarm the action of the landlords in rying to do away with the tenants' property in the shape of occupation and tenant right interest, and we pladge ourselves to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other tenants of Ulster until our just rights in this respect are properly recognized.'

5th- That owing to the dissatisfaction which exists with the present working of the Land Acts, and the opposition of the landlords to every attempt to do justice to the tenant farmers, we call upon the Government to puss a Compulsory Purchase Bill on a fair basis, as we believe that is the only solution of the land question.

Orangemen Arming.

It is learned on reliable authority that the Ulater Orangemen are arming to atack all cel brations of '98 wherever possible. At the last meeting of the ards District Ladge, the District Master, T R Lavery, relieved his feelings in the following language: United Irishmen intended to celebrate the days of '98 from the very heart of the capital to the bumblest village in Ireland. Were the acus of those who conquered at the Bivne lightly to allow the descendants of Irish rebels to plant their standards: in our midst? He looked with confidence to those who were not afraid to matrate these evil intentions. The Grand Lodge of Ireland had sounded the warning and he trusted those in power would see to it in time.

and Death by Drowning.

Recentle Dr. Alexander Heron, J.P., corner for South Down, held an inquest? in the house of Mr. Michael Walshe. battlefields of the days of the past; go Castle sure t, Newry, on the body of Westham School Board. His opponent search in the libraries and sondemies of Mathew W. les, a quay laborer, who was Concluded on Eighth Page.