

THE MOTHERLAND

Latest Mails from ENGLAND IRELAND and SCOTLAND

On June 26th attended by a great assembly of the laity and by a large and representative gathering of the clergy...

The Very Rev. Canon MacNamara the respected parish priest of Monks town, in the diocese of Cork, is dead...

Mr. William O'Brien has received the following letter from Patrick Ford:

"The 'Irish World,' New York, June 15th, 1898: Dear Mr. O'Brien—I am told that Westport, where you have fixed your residence, is one of the most distressed districts in all Ireland...

The Westport bench of magistrates will have before them one of the strangest and most important cases heard in Connaught for some years...

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guilds and confraternities, together with some eight or nine Jesuit priests assembled in the schools of the mission in Great Peter Street, Westminster...

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA.

The following address delivered at the third annual meeting of the members of the Maynooth Union, was the star address before the distinguished assemblage:

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, who has received with loud applause, said: My Lord Cardinal, Right Reverend, Very Reverend, and Reverend gentlemen, I think I should make some apology for standing up at all to address you...

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the welfare of the colony, the rulers of the country have become alarmed, and they have undertaken to remove the reading lessons and restore the reference to Christianity which were struck out at the former revision. Thus the Catholic body were placed in that position that they should either build and maintain their own schools or send their children to be taught under the system of education which was thus administered by the State...

more closely their literary exercises as well as their amusements, can be supervised by the priests, the more that class of literature may be discouraged. In Australia, at any rate, as far as the young girls are concerned, they are pretty safe. Religious institutions are multiplying to a vast extent. We have sisterhoods of almost every order for girls under the direction of nuns. In some districts that is a universal, and every single school at which our Catholic girls attend is under the instruction of nuns. Our chief difficulty is in regard to boys. When boys have passed the school age they attend the Catholic school, and they grow up promising boys, but when they leave school, and when they enter on the reading of this kind of literature, and when they are driven into the company of boys who have been educated in secular schools, their difficulties and temptations begin, and of course it cannot be denied that some of them suffer very materially both from the reading in which they indulge and the associations which they have formed. If any remedy would be a matter of inestimable importance. It occurred to me often that there ought to be a special religious society which would have nothing to do but attend to young men and boys after they leave school and until they are between the ages of 17 and 30 years. I was much interested in the subject that when I was in Rome I thought whether it would be possible to get any of the disciples of Don Bosco to undertake work of that kind. If I did succeed I shall feel I have done something in order to provide what I regard as the greatest want of the Australian—certainly of the Victorian Church. There is only one more observation I wish to refer to. One of the recommendations contained in the paper which I first appear to be sentimental. It was to the effect that the attention of the Irish youth, and Irish men of all Irish women, should be directed to the past history and glories of the Irish Church. Well, now, to my mind there was not a more useful suggestion contained in the whole paper than that. (Applause.) I shall briefly give you an experience of my own. I delivered a lecture in Melbourne on "Ancient Irish Art," and the report appeared in some papers. It was read by non-Catholics, and I had a letter on the following morning from a gentleman who told me that for many years he had been a diligent student of Darwin, Huxley, and Herbert Spencer. He said he regarded himself as capable of judging of literature, as well as scientific matters, and he asked me to tell him whether I was serious or not in asserting that not only was Ireland remarkable for the cultivation of many arts and sciences, but excelled all the nations of Europe in several centuries in the cultivation of the different arts and sciences which I referred to. I wrote to him, and I told him he might be a great student of Darwin, Huxley and Spencer, but that probably they knew as little about Irish art as he himself apparently. I told him if he had any misgivings on the point to send a few letters in the public library reading extracts from authors whose names I enclosed. I went even to the trouble of giving him a few extracts. He wrote back and told me that up to that time he really had no idea that Ireland was distinguished for anything great either in literature or in art. He can say this to you and no man can say this to you who has not seen my portraits that hang in the cloisters, the likenesses of many great men who have passed away, and some who are living still; but the principal thing I advanced, those representations which bring before the mind so forcibly the immense, the cultivation, and the genius of the men who were concerned with the making of the Cross of Cong, the Chalices of Ardagh, and the Brooch of Tara. (Applause.) It is of itself an additional education for the students working in these cloisters. Their attention must be directed to them and the more they read the more they become acquainted with their history, and with the very perfection of which these things were formed by Irish hands and imagined by Irish minds, the more proud they must be of their country, and the more convinced that as Ireland was great in the past in literature and science and art, and as her literature is unflinching in days of future times she should not strip the nations of Europe as she has done, that she are before her acquire and maintain a place second to no nation in the world. (Applause.) Now, I will conclude with one hope and prayer. It is that the College of Maynooth may proceed and prosper, "Floreat Collegium magnanimum." (Applause.)

Farm and Garden

Hens are fond of tomatoes and the feed is good for them. The American Agriculturist says if tomatoes are buried up in the cellar the green ones will keep well in cold weather, and furnish an acceptable change in the winter fodder.

Light sandy soil should, says Farm and Fireside, be preferred for poultry. The best thing to do with a clay soil is to drain it, if possible. But if such is impossible the house should be on the highest point and dirt filled in until the floor under the house is raised above the outside level, in order to avoid dampness under the floor (which should be of boards).

At this season of the year, says Farm-Poultry, hundreds of chickens die from the evil effects of lousiness. A thorough application of insecticides to your flock and poultry houses once a week for four or five weeks will save you dollars, and give your birds comfort, with comparative freedom from lice, until it is time to go into winter quarters.

There is no plant, says I. G. Quirin, of Tiga Center, N. Y., in Farm-Poultry, that furnishes so much green food for poultry as prickly cactus. For parties that have no range or have the hens penned up, thirty-one plants the second year will furnish green food for one hundred hens from six to seven months. One plant gives enough for one day, and can be out every month. I feed it to ducks as well as to hens.

Farm and Fireside: If eggs are higher in winter it is because they cost more in that season. As has been frequently affirmed, eggs cost little or nothing in summer, if the hens are on a large range, and will then pay, even if prices are low. If eggs are thirty-five cents a dozen the real food material costs the consumer about twenty-five cents a pound, but when eggs are fifteen cents a dozen the consumer gets about two and one-fourth pounds of food material for twenty-five cents.

Hen manure is quite rich in nitrogen but deficient in potash and phosphoric acid. The use of plain superphosphate or "acid phosphate" as an absorbent in conjunction with plaster will be well. It may be added separately at the time of composting, say a barrel of phosphate to four barrels of hen manure. Potash should be added in the same proportion if low grade potash salts (kainit) are used, but if high grade muriate of potash is employed one barrel to eight of hen manure will be enough. Potash in this form will not be caustic enough to do any harm, as would be the case if wood ashes were used.

Farm-Poultry: Chicken cholera, in vestigation will often prove, is but an extensive development of vermin. The healthy hen is free from vermin. Almost invariably other ailments, except, of course, colds and cases of roup, are mainly due to vermin. The hens that are infested with vermin are so debilitated that they readily succumb to disease, and are also more apt to get colds and roup than hens not infested. It is during warm weather that eternal vigilance becomes necessary to keep down insect pests that abound where neglect allows them to come to a foothold. Every known device must be utilized during summer to keep the vermin pests of the poultry yard in check. The first and most important consideration will always be cleanliness of the most thorough nature.

The King of Spain.

A Madrid correspondent writes, under date June 24th: "I had yesterday the privilege of being present in a private chapel of the Royal Palace, when King Alfonso XIII. received his first Communion. He received his Confirmation from the Archbishop of Madrid. The ceremony, although the public were not admitted, were carried out with full pomp, and were most impressive. I could notice that the Queen Regent was deeply affected. The disordered state of the country and the unhappy war with America were plainly present to the minds of all as they watched the young monarch religiously laying his own destiny and that of his country at the foot of the altar. Alfonso, though a real child, is a manly and simple lad with a bearing and expression of native dignity. One could not help the reflection that much will be granted to the sincere prayers of so pure-minded a youth. I saw tears in many eyes as the ceremonies concluded, and my own emotion was, 'Noble but unhappy Spain!'"

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by a Kent India missionary the formula of a simple, reliable remedy for the cure of permanent cases of Consumption, Bronchitis, and all other affections of the Throat and Lungs, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested his wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-creatures. It will send fire of strength to all who desire it, is sold in German, French, Italian, Spanish, and all languages, and is sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Brown, 240 Foster Street, Rochester, N. Y.



There is every man a love of life strong enough to keep him from trouble and grief before death when he thoroughly recognizes its approach. It is that which men are that they do to die, and they do not die unless it comes in the most violent or rapid form.

Consumption kills more men than wars, famines, plagues and accidents, but its approach is insidious, and men do not realize that they are in its clutch. While consumption is a germ disease, the bacilli will not invade sound and healthy lungs. The lungs must first be in a diseased condition. First a man feels a little of it, then he has a little cough, and has given up his usual work, and is unable to get out of bed, and he is unable to get the proper amount of life-giving nutriment. The liver becomes congested, and the blood is filled with impurities. These are rumped into every corner of the body, building up unhealthy, half-dead spots. The most common of these is the weakest spot, a slight cough leads to influenza, and the bacilli invade the lungs and we have a case of consumption.

The Sacred Winding Sheet.

Much interest has been created by the photographing of the Sacred Winding Sheet of Our Lord, which is preserved in the Royal Chapel in the Cathedral of Turin. On Sunday morning last the exhibition of the photograph was made in a hall especially fitted up in the office of the Sacred Art Exhibition now being held in Turin. When the people had been admitted to the hall the electric lights with which it was illuminated were extinguished and there was no light save that which illuminated the glass plate containing the photographic image made of the Winding Sheet.

This sheet is about 13 feet 6 inches in length by nearly 5 feet broad; it is made of very fine linen woven in bands or stripes, in the ancient mode of Damascus. It has been for nearly four centuries in possession of the House of Savoy, and has always been regarded as the actual winding sheet in which the Gospels relate was placed under and folded over the body of Christ after He was taken down from the Cross. It was first exposed to public gaze in Turin, thirty years ago, at the time of the marriage of Prince Humbert with Princess Margaret, now King and Queen. It is the King who, as hereditary guardian of the relic, allowed it to be photographed.

It was again exposed to public view at the end of May on the occasion of the opening of the Turin Exhibition, and was visited by over two thousand persons. It bears faintly outlined a double representation of Our Lord's body. This arises from the fact that the body was placed upon one end of it and the other was drawn over the head, covering the body. These images thus left by blood and ointment stains have been photographed, and present the marvelous pictures about which so much has been said recently. The photographic machine has shown lines invisible to the ordinary naked eye. The picture was taken by electric light.

This photographic plate was what was shown. "The effect," says a writer in the Italia Reale of the 20th June, "is impressive. The figure of Our Lord appears clearly with admirable precision of particulars, such as no artist ever imagined." A number of most distinguished persons connected with the Christian Art Exhibition attended. Baron Manno, the president of this exhibition, expressed his admiration of the work, which has succeeded so well. The Archbishop of Turin, who had expressed a desire to assist at this opening ceremony, or private view, was hindered at the last moment, but sent his pro-secretary to represent him. The hall was afterwards open to the public, and was soon filled with members of the clergy, of the aristocracy, of the art world, and of the Press. The pilgrimage continued all Sunday, and is likely to continue in future, for, as the Italia Reale says, "There is not, perhaps, a document which interests faith and art like this."

Sore Feet.—Mrs. E. J. Neill, New Armagh, P. Q., writes: "For nearly six months I was troubled with sore feet, which was in my feet to such an extent that I could not sleep at night, and as my feet were badly swollen I could not wear my boots for weeks. At last I got a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Balm, and resolved to try it and to my astonishment I got relief, and the sore feet were cured."

Mrs. T.: "I am worried because my husband is keeping something from me, and I don't know what it is." Mrs. S.: "My husband, too, is keeping something from me, and I am worried because I know what it is." Mrs. T.: "Indeed! What is it?" Mrs. S.: "It is money."