PROGRESS IN IRELAND

There are many ways in which to study Ireland as she is apart from the purely political considerations. Recently Mr. Victor T. Noonan has contributed a very interesting article on the subject of Ireland in 1904. After dwelling upon many of the phases of progress to be noted in Irewriter deals especially with large cities, such as Dublin and Helfast. In regard to the former there is a passage in the article which is deserving of notice. Mr. Noonan

"Dublin is better equipped than any city in Europe with hospitals and asylums for the sick, the needy and the orphan. The Mater Miserlordia hospital under the Sisters of Mercy, is one of the finest hospitals There are nearly four hundred beds in this institution. It that the prople of Dublin are a religious people, from the num-ber of magnificent churches which are scattered throughout the city. There are over thirty large churches conducted by the secular clergy, Jesuits, Dominicans, Passionists, melites, Franciscars, Oblats, Capuchins, Marists and Vincentians.

This might lead one to suppose that the Catholic element in Ireland was entirely bound up in the Church and matters of religion, to the sacrifice of all temporar interests. In fact it has been boasted that the greatest amount of commercial prosperity in Ireland has been due to the I'rotestant section of the population. Mr Noonan turns to Belfast and presents us with some facts that go to counteract this wrong impression. dealing with the last mentioned city

"No city, however, in Ireland can compare with Belfast for industrial activity and modern progress. While it has always been a hotbed of prejudice and Orangeism, nevertheless out of a population of 350,000, the Catholics count fully 100,000, they are no small factor in the buildup of this fine city. Balfast is world-famous for its shipyards, linen factories and linen stones. The shipone of the largest tobacco fac-

largest ships in the world, the Oceanic. Celtic. Cedric and recently the Baltic of the White Star line, have been launched from Belfast yards. In this respect Germany and America are not in line. It may be well to state here that Belfast postories in the world, owned by Gal-* * * * Belfast has sixteen large Catholic parishes accommodated by as many large and magnificent churches. The largest is St. Peter's, with a congregation of over 22,000 people. There are vices every hour in this Church on Sundays from 6 a.m. until noon, when the last Mass is celebrated. It takes twelve months to paint the inof this Church, which possesses two beautiful spires of 330 feet two religious orders in the city, the Redemptorists and the Passionists. Under the personal direction of the Bishop, the Catholic young men the city have a central club, the roll call of which numbers over 700 mem Here they have lectures, musicals and other social entertainments. at which the good Bishop, Henry, is often present, taking active part."

These extracts will suffice to show the upward and onward course of Catholicity in Ireland—ever coeval with Ireland's glory.

IRELAND'S DELEGATE TO AMERICA.

The Boston Central Branch of the United Irish League observed the anniversary of Robert Emmet's birth by a memorial meeting at the American House. Interest centered in the first speech in this country of Mr. Conor O'Kelly, M.P., for North Mayo the delegate of the United Irish Leawho arrived in Boston on Friday of

last week. While there were but few at the terminal station to greet Mr. O'Kelly, his reception was none the less cordiaf and he was made to feel at home as soon as he alighted from the train He was greeted by the National Secretary of the United Irish League, John O'Callaghan, Mr. M. A. van, secretary of the Boston central

van, secretary of the Boston tentral Branch of the United Irish League, and escorted to the Hotel Essex.

The Boston Herald says;

He is a young man who is full of enthusiasm for the Irish cause. Being asked how things looked for hope rule, with a smile the replied they were never brighter, and that the



Irish Parliamentary Party, led by Catholic Statistics, John Redmond, was working solidly Catholic Statistics. together and success was bound to come soon, His mission in country, he said, was to help along the work of the United Irish League. In the evening Mr. O'Kelly went to the American House, where he met a large gathering of Irish citizens, who gave him a most cordial recep-tion. Dr. P. J. Timmins presided. tion. Mr. O'Kelly spoke in part as fol-

lows: "Those of you who follow affairs in Ireland will not think me guilty of exaggeration if I say that the prospect was never so bright and promising for the past twenty years as it is just now. Our organization and party are absolutely united. loyalty to Mr. Redmond is as cere and as genuine to-day as it was when he was selected our leader-

"Then the position in the House of Commons is of a most encouraging character. There are those, I say, in this country, who think that constitutional agitation has effected nothing for Ireland. But before the land act of '81 was passed the Irish temant was nothing more or less than a serf in his own country. The act of '81 made him practically a man, and act after act dealing with Irish land followed the act of '81, and all of them tended to give grip to the Irish people in the soil of their country.

"I venture to prophesy that three months we shall have a general election. Then it will be found that the question of Irish national selfgovernment will at once be as press ing and as embarrassing to the British House of Commons as it was between the years of '86 and '92. The British Tory party, as we knew it in the past is gone. But although is practically certain that the Tory Government will be defeated, it equally certain that the Liberal party will not go back to the House in dependent in numbers sufficiently large to make them independent of Irish Parliamentary party.

"Then, of course, our opportunity will come. If the Tories ing to meet us half way, they will have 80 Irish votes to support them. If they are not, these 80 votes go to the Liberals.

THE LAW IN GERMANY.

In a fit of temper a kitchenmaid on a Rhine steamer threw overboard all the pots and pans she had to clean There were two previous convictions accused of stealing the pots and pans The Cologne judges held, however, that as she had only thrown the utensils overboard the charge of theft could not be sustained, and they fur-ther decided that she could not be convicted of damaging her pots and pans were probably repos ing uninjured at the bottom of the Against this judgment an appeal

was made to the High Court in Leipsic. The judges there also came to the conclusion that the case could not be dealt with as one of theft, nor could they see any evidence of damage to property had been adduced But at the same time the High Court imperatively demanded the punish ter was accordingly referred back to the judges at Cologne, with instruc tions to ascertain whether, after all, the pots and pars might not have been damaged by rust, or by the splitting off of the enamel, or by the shifting of the pebbles on the bot-tom of the Rhine! The end of the ase, which has already lasted months, has not yet been reached .-

POPE THANKS KAISER

The Holy Father has thanked the Emperor William for forbidding Evangelistic Union the use of the name "Luther" for a church to be erected by the German Protestants in

The Catholic Directory for 1904 says the Messenger Magazine, published by Burns and Oates, gives archbishops and bishops for England and Wales, 3205 priests, churches and chapels. This indicates substantial progress in one year here are, also, in England, one arch bishop and four bishops retired, without Episcopal office. Amongst regular clergy are many of the exiled tish Empire there are at present 29 Archiepiscopal Sees, 104 Episcopal 30 Vicariates, 11 prefectures—in all 174. Twenty-seven of the 30 Vicariates are administered by bishops of titular sees. Four bishoprics, 3 vicariates and 3 prefectures are vacant. Including two delegates apostolic, nine coadjutors and two bishops-auxiliany, the Episcopate of the Empire now numbers 170, besides 5 prelates retired. This is a large proportion of the 1000 residential sees estimated Catholic population England is 1,500,000, Scotland 514,-000, Ireland, 3,310,028. The entire Catholic population of the Empire is about 10,500,000.

According to the new Catholic Directory (1904) for Scotland, the se-cular priests in Scotland number 417 and the regulars 90, making a total of 507, compared with a total of 483 in December, 1902. The number of missions is 226, being an increase of two on last year; churches, chapels and stations number 371, compared with 359 in 1902. Religious houses total 64, being an increase of two houses for men and three for women in the year. The building of con gregational schools now number 201. and the departments 250, being an increase of five; the charitable institutions number 34, compared with 31 last year. The Catholic population of Scotland is estimated 513,400. The tabulated returns of baptisms, confirmations and marriages in 1902 show similar progress compared with 1901. The number of baptisms was 19,809, an increase of 201; confirmations totalled 8261, decrease of 1774; and marriage 3228, an increase of 108. The total for the Archdiocese of Glasgow 1902 were 14,102 baptisms, 5753 confirmations and 2344 marriages.
The events of 1903 in Catholic scotland constitute an exceptionally teresting record, including an account of the celebration on March 5 last of the semi-jubilee of the Restored Hierthe latest available returns, the Ca tholic Church in Scotland shows won derful progress compared with 1878 The Catholic population shows an increase of over 40 per cent.; sions have increased by 61 per cent.; churches by 39 per cent.; priests by 86 per cent., and schools by 58 per interest recorded in the Calendar took place on September 10, when Archbishop Maguire was invested with the pallium in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Glasgow.

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