

PROGRESS IN IRELAND

There are many ways in which to study Ireland as she is apart from the purely political considerations.

"Dublin is better equipped than any city in Europe with hospitals and asylums for the sick, the needy and the orphan."

This might lead one to suppose that the Catholic element in Ireland was entirely bound up in the Church and matters of religion.

"No city, however, in Ireland can compare with Belfast for industrial activity and modern progress."

Belfast has sixteen large Catholic parishes accommodated by as many large and magnificent churches.

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.

While there were but few at the terminal station to greet Mr. O'Kelly, his reception was none the less cordial and he was made to feel at home as soon as he alighted from the train.

The Boston Herald says: He is a young man who is full of enthusiasm for the Irish cause.

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Irish Parliamentary Party, led by John Redmond, was working solidly together and success was bound to come soon.

In the evening Mr. O'Kelly went to the American House, where he met a large gathering of Irish citizens.

"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."

"Then the position in the House of Commons is of a most encouraging character. There are those, I dare say, in this country, who think that constitutional agitation has effected nothing for Ireland."

"I venture to prophesy that in three months we shall have a general election. Then it will be found that the question of Irish national self-government will at once be as pressing and as embarrassing to the British House of Commons as it was between the years of '86 and '92."

"Then, of course, our opportunity will come. If the Tories are willing to meet us half way, they will have 80 Irish votes to support them."

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.

Against this judgment an appeal was made to the High Court in Leipzig. The judges there also came to the conclusion that the case could not be dealt with as one of theft.

POPE THANKS KAISER.

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

Catholic Statistics.

The Catholic Directory for 1904, says the Messenger Magazine, published by Burns and Oates, gives 16 archbishops and bishops for England and Wales, 3205 priests, 1592 churches and chapels.

According to the new Catholic Directory (1904) for Scotland, the secular priests in Scotland number 417 and the regulars 90, making a total of 507, compared with a total of 483 in December, 1902.

These two masses are said for members of the Association towards the end of every month. They are said with the intentions of those who contribute fifty cents a year.

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NOTICE.

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Vol. LIII, No. 1. The electric spark has news around the globe—frailia, where once the Irish unjust rule were sent convicts; from South Africa so recently struggles that main memorial in the closing Nineteenth Century place; from the entire continent of Europe, from Paris, the Light, where the names O'Kelly's, O'Neils, Lally and McMahons are household names from Spain, the chivalric, are to be met, in higher descendants of the O'Donn Rome, made dearer still graves of the Irish chief Janiculum; from Rome the flame the heart of O'Connell all over the vast American down where the Mississippi from and Missouri chanting requiem for the immortal to the shadow of the far "neath which sweeps on the and the Amazon; from all come notes of rejoicing, of assurance. And even in land, herself, came echoes as any that ever swept Atlantic. From Ireland of clad hills and the verdant whose rivers are rhythm streams are a song, whose carpet is clad with a myrtle flowers, and whose cliffs, wending the coast, are entwined the grayest of garlands; the gravest of Patriotic's Bridget's grace and of Coleridge's grace and of Coleridge's grace came the notes of on the recurrence of the day.