

RANDOM NOTES AND GLEANINGS.

THE CHURCH IN JAPAN. — Now that Japan, through the actual war that has held so many surprises for the world, is awakening great interest...

RELIGION AND POLITICS. — The San Francisco Monitor remarks that questions of religion and nationality are losing some of the force that once attached to them in American national politics.

GREGORIAN CHANT. — A summer school in which instruction may be given in Gregorian Plain Chant is being talked of by English Catholics.

SOCIETIES FEDERATE. — A federation of the Catholic societies has been formed in Scranton, with a membership of eight thousand.

HEAD OF DOMINICANS. — It is announced that Very Rev. Hyacinth Cormier, Master General of the Dominican Order, whose headquarters are in Rome, is coming to America early next year to visit and inspect the various houses of the Order.

IN SEARCH OF HEALTH. — An exchange in referring to the throngs of Catholics seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin at the famous shrine of Lourdes, remarks:

Considering the present state of affairs in France and the wave of infidelity and persecution which has swept over the country, it is interesting to learn that the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes has never had so many votaries as during the present year.

COSTLY GIFTS TO LABOR. — In the eulogistic obituary notices of the late Waldeck Rousseau, the former Premier of France, and instigator of the infamous law against religious associations...

religious associations, whose death occurred last week, we noticed the following paragraph, which accounts in some measure for his popularity.

The story is told that one day when he was Minister of the Interior a number of carpenters called upon him who wished to form an association or guild for mutual benefit...

ATHLETIC SPORTS. — To which only a few years ago little attention was paid in Germany, are now being indulged in by very large numbers.

IRELAND'S CONDITION. — From time to time we are regaled with accounts of the unsafe and unquiet condition of Ireland, the great danger there always lurks of the peace being broken...

THE PARNELL STATUE. — According to a report in the Boston Pilot, Mr. Augustus Saint Gaudens, the eminent sculptor, who is at work on the monument of Charles Stewart Parnell...

ANOTHER CENTENARIAN. — Last week we noted the death of an Irish centenarian which occurred at Philadelphia. This week we learn through the columns of one of our exchanges that Mrs. Mary Murphy, of Meadville, Pa., died on August 6, aged nearly 134 years.

A MAGNIFICENT LESSON. — On the occasion of the consecration of the Armagh Cathedral, it is stated the collection amounted to \$30,000. No comment is needed.

AN EXAMPLE. — In noting the appointment of Mrs. W. O. H. Keough to the Board of Education of Chicago, the New World of that city says:

A PRIEST'S APPOINTMENT. — Rev. Charles Warren Currier, pastor of St. Mary's Church and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus for the District of Columbia, was recently appointed one of the representatives of the United States by Secretary of State Hay to the International Congress of Americanists, at Stuttgart, Germany.

A CATHOLIC PICNIC. — The Buffalo Catholic Union and Times says that 25,000 persons attended the annual outing of the Assumption Church of the diocese of Syracuse, at Lakeside Park recently.

CHURCH PROPERTY. — The assessors of Rochester have made their annual report. It shows that church property to the value of \$4,841,000 is exempted from taxes according to law.

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THE OLD LESSON. — In every pulpit and on every platform the clergy and the laity make appeals for unity. At a recent celebration in London, England, in memory of the late Cardinal Manning, held under the auspices of the League of the Cross, Rev. Father Handley, in the course of a sermon said:

In order that that enthusiasm might be productive of the best results, there must be union between the members of the League of the Cross, and there must be loyalty to the priests first, and there must be cohesion.

A TWOFOLD LESSON. — What good may be achieved by unity and good will is shown by the report of a St. Vincent de Paul Conference of one district in England, which recently celebrated the golden jubilee of its organization.

EDUCATION. — From a paper read by Rev. Lewis Drummond, S.J., before the Dominion Educational Association, we take the following extract:

In all other trades and professions no man attempts to be a teacher unless he has first assimilated the collective wisdom of the ages; no builder of steam engines rejects past principles of his craft unless they have been proved wrong; at least he makes sure that he has tried them all before he adopts new ones.

CONVICT'S LEASE SYSTEM. — A correspondent writing to an American daily newspaper on the negro convict lease system in vogue in the United States, gives, among others, the following descriptions of the cruelties to which unfortunate convicts are subjected. He says:

I saw a man who had served a term under a convict lease in a brick company's camp, and the condition of that man's hands from handling hot brick and the condition of his back from stripes received were suggestive of the very limit, not only of human cruelty, but limit of human endurance as well.

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Farley and more than fifty priests were present in the sanctuary. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Joseph H. Henning, C.S.S.R., of St. Patrick's, Quebec.

A MODEL VILLAGE. — A practical experiment in restrictive liquor legislation is being worked out by the corporation council of Birmingham, Eng., says a temperance journal.

ELAN, the site of Birmingham's new waterworks, which the King is to open, is said to be the most complete model village in England.

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(From the Ottawa Free Press)

The banquet given to Edward Blake by the Irish Parliamentary Party in the British House of Commons was not only a tribute to the great patriot...

Of the depth and power of these national sentiments indeed he no doubt. They are fanned to flaming gatherings as the one given to Mr. Blake's honor, and they live in song and story as much as in politics.

The effect of the national poetry upon national life is judged from the poem, "Rosaleen," in which Mangan poured forth his wail-Rosaleen in whom Ireland as he exclaimed

All day long in unrest, To and fro I move, The very soul within my breast Is wasted for you, love

My life of life, my saint, My dark Rosaleen!

To hear your sweet and plaints, My life, my love, my saint, My dark Rosaleen!

It is those sweet and plaints that we hear voiced in banquet to Mr. Blake.

We see outstanding the figure of Mr. Blake, as it heroic mould, as Mr. John the leader of the party, as Blake's services to the cause, both in Westminster and

"I am not likely," saidmond, "to forget that came to this country at an exceptional difficulty and the Irish cause. He did here as a fair weather came in a time of stress

When he came here he found tumult from end to end. A great tragedy place—a great leader—our greatest leaders who had peered on the Parliament since the union—had just and, as was natural, "ju man natute as it is, his ance had led to a political quake in Ireland. It was a scene that Mr. Blake can This Mr. Redmond's with the declaration that the councils of the Irish Blake's wisdom and fores perhaps the most valuable party; that in the debt conferred distinction upon cause he had advocated, t brought calmness of judgm the midst of heat and petroversy, and had found hi the affections of the Irish

In Mr. Blake's eloquent speech one may perceive of self-sacrifice so admirab ed by the Irish poet in quoted in the earlier part. "The very soul within breast is wasted for ye That spirit is revealed in in which he describes the, the Irish Parliamentary hold," said he, "politics highest and noblest pursuit citizens in a free land, a it to be a still higher pursuit when it is a pursuit citizen in a subjugated la the freedom of his co that is our destiny. We, necessities of the case in assembly, stand apart. V regret that we stand ap by our own will perpetual are called the cold shades tion. We have nothing w cept that which is worth e to animate us, except the ration to restore the libert country. We are estrange long as this island persist course of seeking our nati onal freedom we must rtranzed from the remaind assembly. We are here as in a strange place, because tional aspirations are as ye therefore our position is in spect distinctive and pecul