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CURRENT COMENT

The latest news about the movement from St. Michael's, Shoreditch, to the new church of St. Mary's, Moorfields, is given in a recent issue of The Tablet. The congregation proper to the ritualistic St. Michael's was not a large one; but of the regular communicants, little more than a hundred in number, putting aside more inflated numbers and checking a ridiculous attempt to minimize the movement, it may safely be asserted that the majority of those hundred ritualistic communicants have either formally entered the Catholic Church or are catechumens awaiting their early reception. The number actually received up to the 13th of March is 53. To this number must be added one of the late curates of St. Michael's, Mr. Hume. Each week brings fresh additions to the ranks of the neophytes. Between 30 and 40 children with their parents. or with the parents' consent, are also attending instructions, and more than 20 have been transferred to the day schools for secular instruction.

after Holy Communion. A pharwho had spoken against it as too to a weighty article on juvenile pil-St. Boniface after Easter. stand for such criminals, and they isaical Catholic from North Dadrastic, although he deplored the fering which appeared in a recent won their first fight there." kota once expressed his disapproval cigarette habit among boys, Dr. Rumber of our entertaining city of an advertisement of somebody's Sproule rose and asked the Premier contemporary, Town Topics. The late Bishop of Salford, who beer in this journal. Having ob-We when he proposed to carry out the have given it the heading "Thou Is there no hope for reform? was buried on March 9th, was born served that this censorious person Shalt Not Steal," thereby implyinstructions of the House in the "Mr. Folk says, 'Ninety-nine per at Singleton Lodge, near Kirkhad left the church immediately matter. Amid much laughter, Sir ing that the Divine Categorical Imcent. of the people are honest; only ham, Lancashire, on March 30, after the Mass at which he had 1836; so that the Right Rev. John Perative is a still stronger motive Wilfrid Laurier made the reply one per cent. is perniciously accommunicated, we pointed out to which is usually made by a Prime than any of the natural deterrents tive.' In other words, the people Bilsborrow was completing his 67th him that a modèrate use of beer recommended by "The Woman Minister after the defeat of his are sound, but without leaders. year at the date of his death, was not even a venial sin, whereas About Town." Worldly wise and Government in House,-That he de-Another official, of irreproachable March 6th. He succeeded Bishop the omission of one's thanksgiving socially prudent as she is, she fails sired the opportunity of consulting character himself, said that the (now Cardinal) Vaughan nearly for at least a quarter of an hour to put her fearless finger on the with his colleagues. trouble was there was no one fit to eleven years ago. No bishop exertafter Holy Communion was a very sorest spot, the non-religious atthrow the first stone." What a ed more influence over the rest of serious fault, likely to nullify the mosphere of the public schools. Excommentary on a municipal governthe English hierarchy in educa-A bill will be necessary to give fruits of the Blessed Sacrament he pediency and unsectarian morality ment in which several convicted effect to this decision; but it will tional matters than Bishop Bilshad received with so little devoare poor and weak substitutes for criminals are still sitting! borrow. He was always a Cathohave to be considerably softened betion. When one receives towards the fear and love of God and of fore it can be made practically eflic, and was an Ushaw college man. the end of the Mass, there can be His holy law. Where teachers are fective. Similar enactments in no excuse for not remaining in thoroughly Christian, they steep Nova Scotia and Ontario have be-The following special cablegram their pupils in the saving waters of prayer at least ten or twelve mincome a dead letter. to the Montreal Star broaches an Rev. Adelard Bellavance, who has utes after the Mass. Too many a live and energizing faith and thus important plan for the agricultural Catholics in this city have been had several pulmonary hemorrhages train them to be God-fearing faand industrial improvement of Ire-A curious testimony on this quesknown to enter the church at the of late, is invalided at the Archthers and mothers one day. More- !ion was given by the celebrated land by a great network of railmoment of Communion, walk up bishop's House. over, the daily example and daily physician, Dr. Roddick, of Montreal. ways :--to the altar rails (sometimes ladies warnings of a teacher who walks He "thought the mover and se-London, April 2.-That gigantic keeping their gloves on), receive, in the presence of an All-pure God lan for the regeneration of Ireout of church react upon the parents themselves in seeking the entire prohibition of land, the Land Bill, is not to stand immediately, laughing and talking and then go Rev. Father Proulx, S. J., is and insensibly remind them that cigarette smoking. He would favor alone. The chief secretary for Irepreaching a mission in St. Anon the way home. What sort of Weil weil and watchful as prohibiting smoking by boys under land announced in the House of drew's Church, Port Arthur. faith can such people have? What Well as kind. With these Catholic Commons yesterday that two capwonder that their religion has no 17. Till that age the bodily frame thoughts to supplement the suggestains of industry, Lord Iveagh, the influence on their lives! was growing, and smoking did intions of "The Woman about Town," calculable harm. He cited tests brewer of Dublin, and Pirrie, the Mr. Perisset, a theological stuher article may do much good, esshipbuilder of Belfast, are to unmade in educational institutions, dent from Fribourg, Switzerland, is Pecially as she quotes approvingly One of our exchanges, which now staying at the Archbishop's. dertake a great scheme of transthe words of one of our priests and showing that young cigarette fiends seems to cultivate a specialty for were inferior mentally and physi- port development throughout the House. says that "the Church of Rome has cally to non-smokers. It ought to whole country, with a view to aidhistorical blunders, lets one of its given the world a lesson it would be known, however, that in the case contributors write : "For years ing the revival of agrarian indusdo well to heed." has the world admired that one trial undertakings. They have been Rev. Father Perrault, of Fannyof grown people 'a well made line of Thomas Campbell, on the led to propose this generous plan stelle, was here at the beginning of cigarette was not productive of harm. On the contrary, it was the by the new spirit of good will which In connection with this great changing of water into wine at the week. the marriage feast of Cana :--question, the training of the young, prevails throughout the whole of purest and best form in which to-We were recently impressed by the 'The conscious waters knew their bacco could be smoked. He would Ireland, and no hope of profit enremark of a French nobleman who Lord, and blushed.' " be glad to support the motion if it ters the calculations. Rev. Father Poirier is back at the has spent some years in the North-Campbell was utterly incapable Archbishop's House, greatly im. were modified in the direction he In announcing this to the House West and has made many acquaintof writing anything like that, for had indicated." And yet Dr. Rodproved in health. of Commons yesterday, Mr. Wyndhe was an alien to the faith. The ances among English and French dick voted for the motion as it ham, insisted particularly on the Peaking families. "The great misline is, of course, from Richard was, without any modification. "It fact that the object of the two capchief," he said, "is that parents do Crashaw, a pious Catholic, and was is just possible, writes the Mont- italists was not to make money, Rev. Father Therriault is at Lo-Not correct their children. I don't written two hundred years before real Star correspondent, "that not but to patriotically facilitate orrette, assisting Rev. Father Dumean that they ought to beat them Campbell's time; moreover, the every Conservative who voted for ganized transportation to agricul. fresne, who is suffering from his. slip-shod contributor has got noor rule them by fear; but they the motion was so animated with tural communities, and to consider ought to correct their faults and thing but the sense, he has changed eyes. zeal against the death-dealing ci- the possibilities of aiding industrial mistakes with gentleness and confour out of the eight original words garette as desirous of putting the and agrarian enterprises. They were tant vigilence, and they do not. Prime Minister in an awkward po-prepared to contribute the capital which are-Rev. Father Drummond, who re-For my part, I know none who do "The conscious water saw its God sition." themselves, and did not ask public correct their children. Do you know turned from the west at the end of and blushed." last week, preaches at St. Mary's aid. Beginning in certain districts any? I find I have to begin cor-This line of Crashaw's is no doubt they would watch the results and "The Shamelessness of St. Louis" in the evenings of Good Friday and tecting my children as soon as they admirable; but it is, after all, a by Lincoln Steffens, in McClure's base thereon the future development Easter Sunday. begin to talk. Real home educapoor translation of the untranslat-Magazine, is a terrible arraignment of their scheme, which includes the tion is chiefly the patient correc- of that great city on the eve of its use of the most scientific invenable Latin original in the "Epition of defects." Then he instanced grammata Sacra": "Nympha puditions. bevy of half a dozen sisters, all is the author of "The Shame of The Very Rev. Vicar General ca Deum vidit, et crubuit." The happily, and all letting Minneapolis," says: "Minneapolis thing so hopeful and businesslike Mr. Wyndham continued: "No-Dugas is preaching the cathedral double meaning of "Nympha" (a their numerous progeny grow up as may fail, as New York has failed" parish retreat every day of Holy nymph and water) and the force of the children chose, palliating their (to reform themselves); "but at days of its indutrial prosperity at faulte could be the end of the 18th century. The Week. (modest, chaste) are 'pudica'' faults, praising them to their faces, least these two cities could be the end of the 18th century. The somewhat lost in the one word Poiling them from morning to moved by shame. Not so St. Louis. captains of industry from Dublin read better in this way: "conscious." Perhaps the line would The Right Rev. Mgr. Gadd has "And the worst feature of Joseph W. Folk, the circuit attor- and Belfast, recognizing Ireland as "The virgin water saw its God and been elected Vicar Capitular and this laisser aller' system," he add- ney, who began alone, is going their country, will devote their administrator of the Diocese of Salblushed." ford, during the vacancy of the Sec.

tal weakness destroys family and themselves, and if these grown up sisters do not care for one another it must be because their own parents let them grow." The indictment may be a trifle too sweeping, but who shall say it is not true in most cases? The outlook for the future of the country can hardly be said to be a cheerful one. No doubt there are some strong minded men and women who have the sense and the energy to make up for their early lack of training; but, with the growing tendency to follow the majority in all things, the number of these chosen spirits

That was a rather startling vote the other day at Ottawa, when the House of Commons, by a majority of 55 votes out of 151, expressed its strong opposition to the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes. After the vote, which was a surprise to the Speaker, who had at first declared the motion

is daily becoming less and less.

ed, "is that the victims of it have right on alone, indicting, trying, no love for each other. One of these convicting boodlers, high and low, six sisters told me that she had following the workings of the comcompletely lost sight of her sisters bine through all of its startling and that she never heard from ramifications, and spreading before them by letter or otherwise. Paren- the people, in the form of testimony given under oath, the conhome life. Parents bring up their fessions by the boodlers themselves children as they were brought up of the whole wretched story. St. Louis is unmoved and unashamed. St. Louis seems to me to be something new in the history of the government of the people, by the rascals, for the rich," an epigramma- be used to guarantee against loss tic way of parodying Lincoln's famous phrase.

> Mr. Steffens echoes the N. Y Sun's assertion, some years ago, that the criminal law of the United States is more favorable to the criminal than to the law-abiding citizen. "One of the permanent services Mr. Folk has rendered," he writes, "is to impress upon the minds, not only of juries, but of the people generally, and in particular upon the Courts of Appeal (which often forget it), that while the keep each individual soul in the criminal law has been developed into a great machine to preserve the rights, and much more, of the criminal, the rights of the State also alive. should be guarded." And he instances the only case which Mr. Folk lost. "The Supreme Court,

wealth and business ability to assist Ireland without regard to political divisions. This is a matter of deep significance, and goes a long way to justify what the Government is attempting to do with public money."

Mr. Wyndham also announced a new bill, the effect of which will be to bestow upon Ireland £195,000 annually, as the equivalent of what England receives under the Education Bill. Part of the money will on the floating of the Land Bill loan, part for Irish education, and part for economic development.

The approach of Easter reminds all our Catholic readers of the Church's law with regard to Holy Communion at least once a year in Paschal Time. This ought to be no. mere matter of form, but a thorough conversion of heart, with a firm resolve to eat the Bread of Roman Catholics. Life as often as is necessary to state of grace. There will be no resurrection of the spirit, unless that spirit be determined to remain

And here it may not be out of place to insist on thanksgiving down. Father Hudon will return to lost, and to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, We beg to call especial attention technical and slow, is the last

Clerical News

Rev. Fathers Campeau and Lalonde were the Archbishop's guests last Tuesday.

There are now in this Northwestern country three schismatic Greek bishops. One of them who resides in this city and calls himself an Independent, says he was consecrated by the Bishop of Constantinople. Another, Bishop Popof, makes his headquarters at Yorkton. A third operates from somewhere in the Dakotas. They are trying to win over to themselves the Ruthenians, Very Rev. Father Filas, Superior of the Greek Uniate Basilian Monks, who has already visited most of the Ruthenian settlements in Manitoba and the Territories, says that six-sevenths of the Ruthenians are

Rev. H. Hudon, S.J., Rector of St. Boniface College, is in charge of the Catholic Church at East Grand Forks, Minn., during the absence of the pastor, Rev. Father Green, whose health has lately broken