

GUARD WELL THY HEART.

Guard well thy heart lest passion sweep... The church is God's sweet melody... Be lost; lest from the ruins leap...

SPRING WAR SCARE.

Ominous Russian Movements in the Balkans.

LONDON, April 26.—Notwithstanding the calm appearance on the surface of the European affairs, a strong pessimistic feeling prevails in diplomatic circles.

GOAD THE CZAR INTO IMMEDIATE ACTION as regards the Balkan States. The Russian military party believe that, had it not been for the personal interference of the Czar...

SUBJECT TO RUSSIAN INFLUENCE. The Czar's latest appointments cause uneasiness both at Berlin and London, especially those in the Diplomatic Corps.

THE "FORWARD" SCHOOL OF RUSSIANS is coming to the front. In view of these changes, Viscount Cross, Secretary of State for India, has ordered the immediate completion of the works in the Khajuri tunnel.

ORGANIZE SIXTY NEW BATTERIES. Another disturbing factor is Crete, where civil war has again begun. The Cretans, supplied a month with ammunition, have taken to the mountains, and the island is now once more the scene of bloodshed and destruction.

COMMISSIONED TO EXTERMINATE THEM will be unfolded in all its horrors to the eyes of Europe. The powers are not anxious that the details should be known, and the interior of Crete is by no means an easy access for spectators.

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POLITICAL PYROTECHNICS

Among the Toronto Equal Righters. TORONTO, April 29.—The political campaign has opened out here with fireworks. In the ward of St. Stephen there has already been a lively time...

Barley in Ireland.

The following extract from the annual report of the Canadian Emigration Agent at Dublin, explains in some measure the improved condition of Ireland during last year. It also shows that Ireland's production of barley runs up into big figures.

The total area under barley last year was 170,929 acres, but this year there were 155,951 acres, of which 132,425 acres were in Leinster, 42,178 in Munster, 5,697 in Ulster, and 5,691 in Connaught.

Curious Facts.

The "Almanack of Gethis" has appeared annually for the lengthy period of one hundred and twenty-seven years. Its first number recorded the existence of only three republics—Switzerland, Saint Marin, and Andorra.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections...

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A CONVERT'S REASONS.

Why a Wisconsin Episcopal Minister becomes a Catholic. The following communication from Mr. L. H. Mueller, well known as an Episcopal minister at Chippewa Falls and in Menomonie, Wisconsin, at which latter place he became a Catholic, will prove interesting:

WHY I LEFT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Since through the columns of several journals my adhesion to the Catholic Faith has been noticed and severely criticised, I venture to make public my reasons for that step. Had the reasons not been pressing, had there been a *via media* between the duty on the one and hypocrisy on the other side, I should not have taken that path.

How often, oh how often, had His appeals been neglected, quibbled, despised, rejected! At the reading of some familiar passage, "Peter, Satan had desired thee, but I have prayed for thee that thy faith fall not."

So after our first renunciation of heretical beliefs, we are driven to go another step and to examine the claims of the Episcopal church to be the Catholic Church. We would gladly stop. We cannot, so we plead, break with the past. What will the world say? But no! I prayed in agony that He who had begun a good work within, might not leave me, but perfect the same.

For she is not one. Breaking through the current sophistries I could not but see that there is no heresy that human brain and devilish hand ever invented but can somewhere be found in her bosom. Her party-spirit is too sad to be described. It can only be in the blind prejudices or penal worldliness that she can be called one.

But worse yet if we examine her claims to apostolicity. Granting for argument's sake an uninterrupted succession at and since the so-called Reformation, are the words used at all sufficient to impart the Episcopal character. These words are—"Receive then authority to execute the office of a bishop in the church of God, in the name of the Father, etc."

And here came the real difficulty. To see one's duty is one thing, to not only acknowledge but do the same is quite another. Troubles ahead are a powerful discouragement for the natural man. But through the intercession of the glorious and Immaculate Virgin and Mother of God, I obtained, I believe, the grace to not only know the truth, but to act accordingly and counted as nothing the trials of this world if only at last through the mercy of God I might obtain eternal salvation.

ling along under the western cliffs of the Nile valley, with many a bend and winding, until at length it gained an eminence, as compared with the river bed, which enabled it to turn westward through a narrow pass and enter a district which was otherwise shut off from the fertilizing floods on which all vegetation in Egypt depends.

The petrified Priest. While breaking new ground for a farm on the left bank of the Arkansas half a mile from Bonville, Col. the laborers exhumed the petrified body of a man, clothed in the habit of a Roman Catholic priest.

Poverty as a Political Power. I would be difficult to make a New York or Brooklyn politician believe that poverty has its weight in politics, and yet it is all-powerful in the land of "the heathen Chinese."

Give the Baby Water. Many a baby is drugged with paragon and soothing syrups when all that it needs or wants is a drop of water.

Crime in England. Some of the ignorant and hypocritical persons who talk about crime in Ireland for the purpose of prejudicing the people of this country in favor of the Irish rack-renting landlords, should study the return just issued as to crime in England during the last ten years.

Primary Education in Ireland. The issue of the new Education Code, which goes far towards revolutionizing primary education in England, has called forth from the Archbishop of Dublin a forcible protest against the scandalous neglect of the demand for a reform in the system of elementary education in Ireland.

JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND AT THE TIME OF THE CRUCIFIXION.

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the English people and its indifference to Irish public opinion. Two decades of years have passed since the Powis Commission reported in favor of essential reforms in the Irish system, but to this day the recommendations have remained a dead letter.

The Latest "Escape." It usually happens that when a Catholic clergyman or a Catholic nun "escapes," and is not the Protestant church openly and ostentatiously, he or she has some very satisfactory reason for the act apart from conviction.

Ontario Emigration. ELORA, Ont., April 28.—Speaking at an emigration meeting, Mr. McMillan, the Manitoba Government agent, said that from the reports of agents all over Ontario, fewer farmers are now leaving for the Western States than for many years past, and the number is annually decreasing, whilst an increasing number are yearly going to Manitoba.

What the Labourers Want. The attention of those who are engaged in promoting the cause of the masses as against the classes has been formulated into a short and definite declaration. They declare that the labourer is entitled "to the produce of his labour, to the whole produce and nothing but the produce."

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Sir Richard Cartwright. Last February, at a banquet in New York, Sir Richard Cartwright delivered a speech on Free Trade between Canada and the States. The Standard of New York, in noticing that the speech has been printed in pamphlet form and largely circulated through the States observes: "Sir Richard's address was an able appeal for complete reciprocity of trade between

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