

## THE GREAT ULSTER REBELLION.

(MORYAH!)

(Without Apologies to Rudyard Kipling.)

"Wot's all the noise and bluster for?" says Tommy on parade.  
 "The bloomin' Ulster scallawags," the color-sergeant said!  
 "They're risin' in rebellion, so I heard the colonel say,  
 So with bands and drums and rifles, and with all our colors gay  
 We're ordered for to muster at the breakin' of the day  
 For to crush and conquer Ulster in the mornin'."

"Wot's all the bloomin' row about?" says Tommy on parade.  
 "Mesself don't know the rights of it," the color-sergeant said;  
 "But they says as Queen Victoria must no longer wear the crown,  
 Because she gave them Irish rights to rule in Dublin town;  
 An' so we're marchin' northward for to keep the people down.  
 An' to fight an' conquer Ulster in the mornin'."

"Who's goin' to lead them rebels on?" says Tommy on parade.  
 "I heard a chap called Sanderson," the color-sergeant said;  
 "And 'tis hard agin such loyal men to strike a crushing blow,  
 But though Wolsey does not care for it, you know he's bound to go,  
 An' no matter who may lead 'em, we must shoot 'em high and low.  
 When we march to conquer Ulster in the mornin'."

"Now wot's the news the courier brought?" says Tommy on parade.  
 "The funny folk! the rummy folk!" the color-sergeant said;  
 "For them bloomin' rebels took the field just twenty thousand strong,  
 The tune they call Boyne Water bein' the burden of their song.  
 Oh! but listen—they skedaddled when four polls came along!  
 So our march is countermanded in the mornin'."

## CATHOLIC NEWS.

Mgr. Satolli will be in Cincinnati, O., on June 9.

The cloisters of Sligo Abbey in Ireland are being restored.

A splendid seminary for the education of the native clergy is being constructed in Kandy, Ceylon.

Bishop Brennan, of Dallas, Tex., has gone on a special diplomatic mission from Rome to China.

A church for Italian Catholics is to be erected in north Denver, Colorado. The Italian population is estimated at 1,500.

Among the exhibits at the World's Fair will be a model in carved stone of the O'Connell Memorial Church, Cahir-eiveen.

Emperor William has conferred the Prussian order of the Black Eagle on Cardinal Rampolla, the Papal Secretary of State.

A carved crucifix made of oak felled by Mr. Gladstone in Hawarden will be exhibited in the Columbian Exposition, Chicago.

To Mgr. Baunard, rector of the Catholic University of Lille, France, has been entrusted the writing of the life of Cardinal Lavigerie.

Cardinal Gibbons confirmed 503 children in the Polish Catholic church of St. Stanislaus, Baltimore, on Sunday two weeks ago.

Official confirmation is given to the news of a grant of fifty thousands francs from the Pope to aid the Belgian anti-slavery expedition to Tanganyika.

The Osservatore Romano was recently confiscated by the Italian Government in consequence of the publication of an article entitled "After the Fetes."

The Catholic population of India is 1,502,729 plus the Catholics of French and Portuguese India, in all 1,900,991. The Catholic population from 1881 to 1891 increased 300,000.

The pilgrimages to the Holy Land will not be attended by so many difficulties as formerly. The rapid construction of railways will, when finished, make rapid transit from one place to another very easy.

During a recent mission in St. Gabriel's church, New York, the Paulist Fathers heard about 9,000 confessions, and over 3,000 total abstinence cards were returned signed for periods ranging from one year to life.

On the feast of St. Leo the Great the Holy Father caused 2,500 bowls of soup and 2,000 loaves of bread to be distributed to the poor of Rome. His Holiness is thus continually befriending the poverty-stricken in the city.

Count and Countess Richard Pecci were at the head of a deputation of Sisters of the Precious Blood from Maenza, which the Holy Father quite recently received in audience. The Sisters, who

conduct an educational institution, were accompanied by a number of their pupils. On the same day was received a deputation from Terracina, consisting of Sisters of Charity and orphans who are under their charge.

Rev. J. T. Roach has recently been appointed chancellor of the Lincoln, Neb., diocese. Father Roach is a graduate of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., and received ordination in the cathedral of that city at the hands of Archbishop Satolli.

Last year upwards of nine French prelates were deprived of their stipends, owing to the attitude which they had assumed towards the republic, but with one exception these have just been restored to them. Mgr. Gouthes-Soulard, Archbishop of Aix, has not benefited by this arrangement.

The official programme of the Catholic summer school, whose sessions begin at Plattsburg, N. Y., July 15, announces lectures by Rev. J. A. Zahm, C. S. C., Richard Malcolm Johnson, Brother Azarias, Revs. P. A. Halpin and J. A. Doonan, S. J., Rev. J. H. McMahon, of New York, Brother Potamin, of London, Eng., Rev. Dr. Conaty, Rev. W. Livingston, of Troy seminary, G. P. Lathrop, Thomas H. Cummings, Donald Downie, of Montreal, Fathers Hewitt and Doyle, C. S. P., Rev. L. T. Kearney, O. P., and Misses Sadlier, of New York and Goessman, of Amherst. Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, of St. Albans, is also slated for one lecture on "Lake Champlain and its Discoverer."

A Papal consistory, it is expected, will be held shortly after Trinity, and the cable says that at it the Holy Father will announce the creation of five new cardinals. Whether this number will include the two prelates reserved in *peto* at the consistory of last January is not stated, and it remains to be seen whether the cable is correct in attributing to the Sovereign Pontiff the notion of adding five new members to the Sacred College. Notwithstanding the large number of additions made to its ranks by the creations of last January, ten in number, the cardinalatial college is far from being full at present, as within the past few months death has been busy with its members, no less than five of whom, Cardinal Place, Apolloni, Giordani, Sepiacci and Zigliara, have been called away in quick succession.

## OBITUARY.

Rev. Father Rougier.

We have received the sad news of the death, on Monday, 8th inst., of Rev. Paul Rougier, Parish Priest of Renfrew, Ont., a respected and devoted alumnus of Ottawa University. Rev. Father Rougier was one of the pioneer missionaries of the Ottawa Valley. He was born in Drome, France, November the 24th, 1836, and after coming to Canada entered upon a course of studies in the College of Ottawa, then the College of Bytown, where he graduated in 1861. On September the 8th of the same year he entered the seminary to prepare for his sacred calling to the Holy Priesthood; and on June 18th, 1865, he was ordained priest. His future home was to be in Renfrew County, where priests were few and labors great. During the last twenty-seven years the parish of Renfrew and the mission of Springtown have been under his care. The heartfelt grief caused by his death attests the love and respect in which he was held by all who knew him. His personal qualities were such as to endear him to all with whom he came in contact, whether they were Catholics or Protestants. He was a faithful pastor, a hard worker and a kind friend to all. He was humble and reserved and by firm perseverance surmounted every obstacle that beset his way. The poor always found in him a most faithful friend and the afflicted a kind consolator. He took a keen interest in the welfare of all. During his pastorate he erected a spacious church, one of the finest in the diocese, which, together with the excellent schools he established, remains as a monument of his zeal and devotedness. He took a particular interest in the training of youth, being an ardent advocate of Catholic education, and it is chiefly due to his efforts that the Catholics of Renfrew to-day enjoy the advantages of having a Convent and a Separate School under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the Christian Brothers. His memory will be long revered by all for whom he has done so much. Father Rougier was one of the most esteemed

and popular priests in the diocese of Pontiac. By his death Bishop Lorrain loses a faithful priest, the parishioners of Renfrew and Springtown a beloved and devoted pastor and his Alma Mater a respected and faithful son. His body lay in state in the Church until Wednesday morning, when the funeral service took place. A very large concourse assembled to pay their last sad tribute of respect to this good man who has gone to his reward. The clergy of the neighboring parishes attended in numbers. Rt. Rev. N. Z. Lorrain sang the Solemn Mass of requiem, after which the body was committed to its last resting place in the sanctuary of the Church so long the scene of his labors.—*Requiescat in Pace.*

Cardinal Sepiacci.

Luigi Cardinal Sepiacci, whose death took place on the 26th ult., was born at Castiglione del Lago, Sept. 12, 1835, and early evinced a disposition to enter the monastery. To this, however, his parents strongly objected, and did not begin for the influence of Leo XIII, then the prelate of Perugia, the Augustinians, whose ranks the Cardinal afterwards joined, might not have numbered him as one of their brethren. His ecclesiastical studies were principally made at Rome, at the Seminary of Noble Ecclesiastics, of which he afterwards became the rector. The Sovereign Pontiff made him a bishop in 1883; and in 1885 he became the secretary of the Sacred Congregation of Bishops and Regulars. The Pope contemplated sending Mgr. Sepiacci over here to preside at the last council of Baltimore; but refrained from doing so, lest his appointment might be misconstrued and misrepresented. He made him a Cardinal in the consistory of Dec. 14, 1891, contemporaneously with Cardinal Ruffo. The deceased prelate was an admitted authority on ecclesiastical and canon law.

## THE COUNTY KILDARE.

The County Kildare is one of the counties that has suffered least from the exodus, though its story is sad enough. The number of its inhabitants is 70,206, a decennial decrease of 5,598, or 7.4 per cent. In 1841 the population was 114,488. The decline is great enough, but not so great as in other counties. In two baronies of the county there was actually an increase of population. The number of inhabitants in Narragh and Reban East increased 9.4 per cent., and the number in East Offaly 7 per cent., while in North Naas the decrease was only 2.5 per cent. The town population is also steadily increasing. Athy advanced from 4,181 to 4,886; Naas declined from 3,808 to 3,735; Newbridge from 3,372 to 3,207 and Kildare from 1,174 to 1,172. In fact the town population of Kildare shows, compared with the town population of other counties, very little decline since 1881. Celbridge and Maynooth show, perhaps, the worst. The population of the former town which was 1,234 in 1871, and 950 in 1881, shows a further decline to 788. The decrease is due to the disappearance of factories.

Judged by the pauper test, too, the county of short grass is proved to be better off than others of its neighbors. The pauper rate has declined from 1 in 29 to 1 in 32. Another proof that the county is one of the rich spots in Ireland is afforded by the statistics of creeds. The Presbyterian population has increased 70.1 per cent. the Methodist population 42.5 per cent. and the Protestant Episcopalian population 7 per cent. The newcomers are excluding the old Catholic population, which decreased 10.5 per cent. while this increase of non-Catholic population was going on. It is evident that the ascendancy party have a grip on Kildare and are using their power to effect a quiet legal and unnoted new plantation. The prosperity of the county is not shared proportionately between the creeds. Catholics were 87 per cent. of the population in 1881. They are now slightly over 84.

Curiously enough, the educational statistics of this comparatively prosperous county, though satisfactory are not so much so as some of the less fortunate divisions of the province. The persons who can read and write have increased 10.3 per cent. within the decade; and the percentage of illiterates among persons aged five

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years and upward within the county has decreased from 20.2 to 14.1. But it is regrettable that there is both an absolute and a relative decline in the school-going population. The number of children attending school during the week ending May 14, 1881, was 10,511, a number equal to 44.3 per cent of persons between the ages of 5 years and 20 for the week ending May 31, 1891, the corresponding returns were 9,557, or 48.1 per cent. The percentage of the Catholic population attending school was 1.48, and of the Protestant Episcopalian 10.5. The percentage in 1861, were 8.66 and 9.81; in 1871, 11.86 and 11.88 and in 1881, 14.06 and 12.77. Kildare has no native Irish-speaking population. Those who know Irish there learned it either in other districts or in schools. The number has decreased from 684 to 381. But the figures present the same features as the Carlow figures. The number of those under 20 who know Irish has increased from 48 to 46, and the number under 30 who know the language shows a decrease relatively smaller than the general figures, the decline being from 246 to 192. Some of the schools must be paying attention to the subject. The percentage of illiterates in the general population is 21.7; the percentage in the towns of Athy and Naas is 24.8; Newbridge comes out better, the percentage being less than 19.—*Irish American.*

## C. M. B. A.

At the last regular meeting of Branch 84, C. M. B. A. held in the hall on Wednesday 17th of May 1893 the following resolutions were passed.

*Whereas:* It has pleased the Almighty Father in the unquestionable ways of His Divine Providence, to call Brother Bernard Smith, our worthy President to submit to the inevitable decree of Nature;

*Whereas:* This Branch submits with true Christian resignation to the wise dispensation of the Omnipotent, that doeth all things well;

*Resolved,* that the members of this Branch in regular meeting assembled, deeply deplore the great loss they hereby suffer, in the death of their respected President, who was ever a staunch and earnest supporter of the best interests of the C.M.B.A.; one who honestly opposed the spirit of secession to preserve the advantages of the association, which are safely secured by union alone.

*Resolved,* that the members of this Branch unanimously present their sincere sentiments of condolence to Mrs. Smith and family in their great sorrow, for the loss of an affectionate husband and kind father.

*Resolved:* that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of deceased and to the TRUE WITNESS for publication, and that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

T. FITZPATRICK, Rec-Sec.

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