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Notes.

OUR readers in Toronto are reminded that the Annual Picnic in aid of the House of Providence—a charity having many claims upon the public—takes place on the Queen's Birthday in the grounds of the institution on Power St.

Six members of the English House of Commons have given notice of opposition to the Religious Disabilities Removal Bill, the object of which, as was described in these pages a few weeks ago, is to open two of the highest offices under the Crown to Catholics. The opposition of the bigots to the Bill is so strong that Mr. Campbell Bannerman has been obliged to abandon the measure for the session.

A Rome correspondent of the *New York Herald* says of Archbishop Corrigan, who has returned to Rome with the dust of Jerusalem and Nazareth on his shoes, that "the return to Rome led through Beyrout, Constantinople and Athens, where the travel-weary men visited Mars Hills, but"—unlike the apostolic Palmago—"were not tempted to orate."

AT a meeting of convocation the other day the Anglican Bishop of London, Dr. Temple, submitted a draft of the revised "form" for receiving penitent Roman Catholics into the bosom of the "barren mother," as Cardinal Newman calls the Anglican Church. On the strength of this the *Weekly Register* ventures upon a suggestion. "Shows of the human species" it says "have become familiar to the modern man. That which is most artless and that which is most artificial have been on view—babies and barmaids. We cannot help suggesting to the Bishop of London yet another assortment of specimens—we mean the converts from the Catholic Church to the Anglican establishment. We may be credulous, but there are some phenomena which must remain outside the most liberal boundaries of belief."

"We are speaking, of course" continues the *Register* "of common persons and ordinary times. That the Catholics of a generation long gone left their religion and gave some sort of adherence to the illogical substitute offered them in its place remains a mystery, but is still a fact. But that cataclysm over, and nature resuming obedience to her own normal decrees, we look in vain for any impulsive or spontaneous movement among groups of Catholics towards Anglicanism. Individual idiosyncrasy may here and there take this form; there is no limitation to the freak of nature. But that an ordinary Catholic, if he ceased to accept the Christian revelation, could make a halting place at the half way house offered him by the Establishment, is incredible. It is against reason and it is against experience. It has not only negative evidence against it, but such positive evidence as the countless movement of Anglicans to the Catholic religion affords; so that it may be said that Anglicanism itself by the thousands of converts it yields to Catholicism supplies the most convincing proof that the temporising creed which cannot keep even its own members from the church, is not likely to attract from the church her own children by birth."

CARDINAL MANNING honoured the Royal Academicians by his presence lately at their banquet and at the private view of the Academy pictures, the Marquis of Ripon and Mr. Burnand, of *Punch*, among other Catholics being present in the distinguished company. It appears that the Marquis of Salisbury in his speech became humorous in his allusions to the pictures on the walls: to the portrait of "Liberal Leaders—M. Rochefort, for instance;" to "Waiting for the Flowing Tide"—a row of hungry little boys waiting for the fishes to come in with the tide; and to Lady Butler's "Evicted." Of this latter he said:

"For the benefit, no doubt, of my two right hon. friends who are opposite (Mr. Balfour and Sir Michael Hicks Beach) there is a picture of an Irish eviction by a very distinguished artist. (Laughter and cheers) I will only say with respect to it that there is such an air of breezy cheerfulness and beauty about the landscape which is painted, that it makes me long to take part in an eviction whether in an active or a passive sense."

"An after dinner speech" remarks the *Weekly Register* in comment "is an after dinner speech; but, even so, Lord Salisbury's jaunty allusion to a social sore so acutely felt by others, will afford another illustration of that want of tact with which he is twitted, especially in his allusions to Ireland." Mr. John Morely was more felicitous when, later, he replied to the toast of "Literature." Turning to the Cardinal who was present, he paid his compliments to the Cardinal who was away. "No prose more winning" he said "has ever been written than that of Cardinal Newman."