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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Another fairly quict work has passed, during which Lord Roberts has been resting his troops and completing his provision for supplies an exact point of the fore thought carry for the support of his next exceeding which he fore thought carry and brilliancy of offeet displayed in his provises work. On the other side the Boors have been engaged in massing themselves at the strong point of accounts al, where they are expected to make a determined effort to stem the tide which threatens to pour fint the Transval. It is predicted that more severe fighting still will take place before a British Army treads the soil of the Transval. Roberts recognizes the situation and is coolly making every proparation for a successful series of operations which will place the British flag over Protoria. Meanwhile, in another direction, the wonderful litting garrison under Faden Powell holds out at Mafeking, although there has been daily expectation of nows of its fall. Its chances of relief are still further diminished by the set-back received by Colonel Plamer's force at Tobats!. It is rather difficult to understand why so small and apparently insufficient force was despatched upon such a life and death errand. Surely the long and gallant stand made by the British at Mafeking is deserving of any effort that will secure the rescue of these brave and enduring soldiers. With the exception of the Mafeking district, the Orange Free State has been wrested from the Boora, the rebellion in Cepe Colony subdued and Natal practically cleared of the Boor forces. There remains now only the Transvaal, but as Shakespeare says, "There's the rub."

The surrender of Prespects of Cronje and the possession of Bloemfontein induced the over-Prospects of Cronje and the posPeace. session of Bloemfontein induced the oversanguine to believe that the war was practically at an end. These events were succeeded by Krugor's overtures, for peace and solicitations for intervention, both of which were unproductive of any response that promised an immediate cessation! of hostilities. There were also flattering reports of the surrender of arms by the Boers, of dissensions between the authorities of the two republics, as well as of quarrels between their respective presidents, of the expected aurrender of President Steyn and of numerous other eventualities which have not materialized. The prevailing opinion seems to be that the Boers, though doubtful of the utility of further resistance are determined to carry on the war to the bitter end, Evidently, Lord Roberts realizes the enormous difficulties that will face him when en routs for Pretoria. The Orange Free State is an open country compared with the Transvaal, which is shut in by rugged mountains and whose capital has been converted into a stronghold whose capacity for resistance can only be tested by actual attack. At present there are no signs of anything like an early peace.

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The Del igs of some considerable time of some considerable time of some considerable time carried on in the Commons over the Address was practically brought to a close by Sir Wilfred Laurier's brilliant speech in answer toMr. Rhourassa's indictment of the Government's course. It is generally admitted that the Government have soored, and so far as the irritating question of the sending of the Contingents to South Africa is concerned, a better feeling has cortainly pervaded the canadian press, and it is to be hoped this same improved feeling will work for the welfare and dignity of the Dominion. The Commons have since got down to solid work and Mr. Fielding, the Minister of Finance, has presented his ledges, marking the growth in trade prosperity eulpyed by the country during the past year. Mr. Fielding record show, that the exports of Canadian produce for the last eight months amounted to \$110,053,428, an increase of \$15,248,164, over the corresponding eight months of the previous year. The aggregate trade for the eight months is \$255,267,389,1 an increase of \$2,154,773 over the corresponding eight months of the previous year. For the present year the Minister of Finance exposs a surplus of \$7,552,000. Whakever cause it may be attributed to, the prosperity established fact. An increased proferential tariff with Gross Detain into been provided for and negotiations are in progress for free trade with Trinidad.

"The Que is and My Jountry"

(BY MR T. I. O'CONSOR)

Mr. T. P. O'CORNORS

Mr. T. P. O'CORNOR thewest-known iriely Nationalist M. P. for the Scotland Read division of Liverpool, recently desit with the announcement that the Queer would shortly visit Ireland. In an article published in the London Daity Mail. Mr. O'Connor says:

"As to the wearing of the shamrock, it is a stribute to Irish nationality which will be greatly appreciated The symbolical things of life are all apparently in themselves small'things. The life, of a nation or of a regiment, materially considered, is orly so many yards of cotton; but the sight of it evokes all the burning forces of patriotism in many breast, and rather than that its folds should be furled by an enemy thousands of mon will meet death on the battle-field. For the yards of cotton represent the great idea of nationality and country. Similarly the shamrock materially ascend memories, and country wrongs the great of the shamrock materials and resisted, hopes maintained. The sanction of this wearing of it means to an Irishman contarties of the sanction of the wearing of it yellow the shamrock of the sanction of the wearing of it means to an Irishman contarties of the sanction of the wearing of it means to an Irishman contarties of the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of its passed to the sanction of the wearing of the passed to the sanction of the wearing of the passed to the sa

British Throne, which must have vast consequences.

But speaking assuredly in no spirit of carping objection, but as an illustration and a lesson, may I point out that the conduct of English Munisters towards this small question is a very, remarkable and significant example of the slowness and dilness of wit. — wast of imagination, insight, and sympathy which have chranderized all the relations between England and Ireland. — With the Sockh soldier could wear the lowes send by some stupid officer to the lowes send by some stupid officer to the member, session after season of Commons, he was howled by many English members, and in the received either abrupt or a hosting of the property of the control of t

all crowds, of all clames, of all convict

A san irsh Nationalis, are presched in trumpet tones by those ovents that have brought about the visit of the Queen to treland.

"There are twenty-five thousand irsh soldiers in the great array of the Empire at Seath Africa to day are—but lot me ask. Why there are not 259,000? In Irshand there has always been a martial race—splendid sighting material: the story of every English compaign proves that. Why was not that splendid material utilized? Why did you allow it to be lost to the Empire?

"Why did you allow four or five millions of this sance race to leave your shores and to leave them with curses as well as toars? Why is it that the curse as well as toars? Why is it that the curse as well as toars? Why is it that the curse affect of all her pendid from fall parts of the magnificen and years of the other did not all her pendid from the the did not all her pendid from the the did not all her pendid from the the did not all her pendid from the thing to the did not be the did not all her pendid from the bird did not be did not all her pendid from the did not be did not all her pendid from the did not be did not be did not all her pendid from the did not be did

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

While you are so uprusriously congratulating yourselves on the rolled of Kimberly and Ledysutit you must remember that a mandful of farmers kept your nucers and will equipped armise out of the Transval and Orange Free State or the period of four months and inflicted upon them the severest would be the profession of the Transval and Orange Free State or the period of four months and inflicted upon them the severest would be the think that the point of the severest would be the think that the severest would be the think that he become frantic for fear of its crainable population on a war footing, alo is appealing to her colonies with out-stretched arms for help and is spending money more lavishly than was ever spant before in any war excepting our own civil war. The way in which brag, self-laudation, and self-greatulation are indulged in under the circumstances is very undignified for a great nation and excites a good deal of diggust.

SELF-GOVERNENT.

The demorratio party is in favor of granting self-government to the Cubans, Forte Nicas and Filipinos. The Republicancy who gave self-government to the South, are not in favor of it. They say they are not fit for it. This is at least an inconsistency. The Ghaus and the Filipinos prove is by having fought for that divine right. The refusal only shows how egotistical wo have becomether, we assume things. Would they govern wirely if they had the opportunity. We ought to be satisfied that they would because they have established required the states of the they would because they have established extendibles after our own model. Both countries have displayed extraordinary wonnoisy in the pursuit of independence and have fought for it lunger than the united States did in the pursuit of their own indopondence.

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indre, poor rat, about "how hie bull runs in Ireland?" The world moves: English prejudices have to move along with it.

A MIGHER PATRIOTISM.

What the world needs today is a higher patriotism—a world-wide patriotism—a strain and the patriotism. The strain and the mations were done with "my country, right or wrong, my country," patriotism. That aposics of patriotism broads nothing but brutality, strife and injustice. To the sollish, narrow men, who has no feeling but bratality, strife and injustice. To the sollish, narrow men, who has no feeling but that of tidumph for his own, no matter at what cost to snother, this sounds its. The robber instinct is not in it; it does not satisfy the pirational thirst that is inbred in his broad-not be does not want road to him to have the control. No matter how most and the satisfy the pirational has been also as the world, and he would not want road in claims may be he will not mitigate them because that heart on the road in the satisfy the pirational has been also be read to the world, and he would handled injured than give in. He thinks, no, his own nation is a superior mation and the other one contemptible and not to be yielded to; and thus we have war and deskucction and injury to ymanity. We have too much of the patriotism; too much insulf, too much irregadeoic. What we want is the intelligent and the thoughtful. Commit on wrongs and you will have no wrongs to redress. Look for no opportunition in the patriotism is soon much of the highestion and jumps on every little nation that she day we shall war, it is not wrong and you will have no wrongs to redress. Look for no opportunition in the patriotism is the intelligent and the thoughtful. Commit is gained by cultivating the arts and amenities of peace than one opportunities of wife out with the handle of skeep of the world with the handle of the wore

Kimberly and Ladyamith you must remember that a handful of farmers kept your numerous and well equipped armies out of the Transval and Orange Free State for the period of four months and indicide upon them the severest wunishment. They also have alarsed its for the period of four months and indicide upon them the severest wunishment. They also have alarsed its month of the period of four months and indicide upon them the severest winds and indicide upon them the severest winds and the period of four months and indicide upon them the severest winds and indicide upon them the severest winds and the severe spent before in any ware excepting our own civil was. The way in which brag, self-landstion, and self-gratination are indulged in under the circumstances is very undignified for a displayment of the contact when the circumstances is very undignified for a displayment of the contact with the self-decision of the contact when the circumstances is very undignified for a displayment of the contact with the self-decision of the self-decision of

was sporting through a tode in bis cost slesses over bus right foresem. A dozon toon were ar und him to a second. They jerked off bis sombore, Lut the only mark on his heal was a big blister which was rising beind the light are and a so all or to the ser itself. Blake was gaing around him with a dazed expression on bis face; then be shudder el again as one of his men poured a put fisch of brandy down his throat. A bindkerchift was being twisted into a tight bandage around his arm, when he blinked consciously, end after locking at his arm and those around him, he smalled a hit grindly as he sald. That one meant business slids hir. "The sholls were still bursting over the Kopie. "They haven't gos me yet. I'll be—if I can't shoot as we'll hip. "The sholls were still bursting over the Kopie. "They haven't gos me yet. I'll be—if I can't shoot as we'll hip. "The sholls were still bursting over the Kopie. "They haven't gos me yet. I'll be—if I can't shoot as we'll hip. "The sholls were still bursting over the kopie. "They haven't gos me yet. I'll se—if I can't shoot as we'll he will be better that he will make before this music left up. than or foot here and there don't have any difference. Tax a nasty coking sight now with this blood all you can't here any difference. Tax a nasty coking sight now with this blood all over me. Ox. if you don't get under cover and stay there I will reduce you to the ranks."

"Ox starked he battle was over Major McBrids appreached Blake and sald "Shute Colone, but wasn't it get gloor own day for ould Ireland?" and Blake and say and the sald and the wasn't it get gloor own day for ould Ireland?" and Blake and say and the sald and the sald wasn't it get gloor own day for ould Ireland?" and Blake and sald which was alteedy beginning to swell.

THE CATHOLIC WOMAN.

Byron's Appreciation.

Saint Peter exhorted Christian women, converted to the faith, so to live "that if the husbands of any believe not the word they may be won without was inspired by St. Geolia to her beathen husband and his brother, who could but exclaim: "Christ must be, indeed, the true God, since Ho has those 1 for Humself such a handmaid. St. Monica inspired her husband, St. Patricus, with a similar foar which brought him at last to the faith. There are many anon examples of lives recorded in the lives. Or the words has been written by Lord Bryon. The lines cour in a book so generally shumed by Catholics, that they will be new to most. Moore has described the poem in question as 'the most powerful, and in many resp. cis. painful direly of the versatility of gonius he at hoo will be now more and the stand deplore." The strangest, though by no means the most deplorable instance of Bryon's versatility of more has a the most powerful, and in many resp. cis. painful direly of the versatility of gonius he at hoo most has been describing at great longth and with more sarcam than wit, the company gathered at an English and whith more sarcam than wit, the company gathered at an English and home in the speak of the year of the yea Byron's Appreciation.

In figure, the had something of sublime In eyes which gladly shone, as soraphs shine, All youth—but with an aspect beyond

time;
Radiant and grave, as pitying man's
decline;
Mouraful—but mountful of another's
crime.
She looked as if ahe sat by Eden's door,
And grieved for those who could return
no more.

"She was a Catholic, too, sincere, austere,
As far as her own gentle heart allow'd;
And deem'd that fallen worship far
nove dear
Perhaps because 'twas fallen; her sicce

And deemd that fallen worship far more dear
Perhaps because twas fallen; her sices were proud
Of deeds and days when they had fill'd the ear
Of nations, and had never bent or bow'd
To novel power; and as she was the last.
She held their old faith and old failings fast.

none.

There was awe in the homage which she drew

Her spirit seemed as seated on a throne Apart from the surrounding world, and strong

one so young."

Oan snyone doubt that this beautiful picture was Irawn from life? Byron must have met a young Catholic lady who neither thought it necessary to coneas her religion, nor to apologue for it by fast talk and worldly, manners. She was a contrast to all around her, and the result was, not sneers or contempt, but respectful admiration. "Considering your chaste conversation with feat," said St. Fester. "There was awe in the homage which she drew," says ford Byron.

Fact or Fancy.

Men and Weeren.

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Without any claim to a specially deservative or very account postgrach. I would live to place before our gentle readors some few observations that have a largest measure of the fore our gentle readors some few observations that have a largest measure of the fore our gentle readors some few observations that have a largest measure of an convinced that there is a largest readors as general teadency to expand the opposite sex of their own age and social condition with less courtesy and reverence—and why a largest of reverence so rear stable for its abscuce. It do is a double assurance that my condition is correct—than the optical of reverence so rear stable for its abscuce, It do is a double assurance that my condition is correct—than the optical of vivines on and it before its post of the condition of the sex per its form young women and the refining influences of which so much is heard howards would lead one to expect. I have sought for a reason and I believe I have found it to exist in the girls themselves. In brief our young women are killing the spirit of gallantry in our young men by holding themselves too cheap. It has been or dailed by a beneficiar Povidance that she position of the sex is assured in one very important and singular reases, any proposition which is sufficient to a strate of the proposition which is quite ask to assort that fow maidens are solvens to an interest at some and the few maidens are solvens in the sex of the

The contrasts to be met with in this every day world are so sharply defined and so strongly antagonicitic that one an except plot phinking that one half he world was expressly made for the purpose of pulling against the other half, loved to mediocity. If all humanity were perfect there would be no such thing as wickedness in the world; if all were wicked, seedness would be an unknown quantity, and it is doubtful if in their case the sum of human happiness would be as great as it is under existing conditions. So much depends on contrast and "things are not always what they seem."