

CATHEDRAL OF WESTMINSTER.

The new Cathedral of Westminster is as yet far from completed. The outer part is practically finished, but there remains the work of interior decoration, the installation of a vast mass of woodwork, the placing of costly marbles, the inlaying of splendid mosaics and the painting of the high vaulted ceiling, which can be done only by master hands.

The total expenditure on the entire edifice up to the end of October was just over a million dollars. That figure is exclusive of the work on the side chapels, which are the gifts of private donors.

The high altar is of solid stone weighing 12 tons. Cornish granite, unpolished but fine axed. It stands 12 feet long and 4 feet wide, without any gradus. The six great candlesticks, with a central crucifix of impressive size, are alone upon the altar, as in St. Peter's at Rome.

The great crucifix is 30 feet high, of Byzantine form, and hangs from the triumphal arch which divides the sanctuary from the nave. It was made in Belgium and displays a painted figure of Christ, with the emblems of the four evangelists at the extremities.

On the reverse side, toward the altar, is painted a figure of the Mater Dolorosa. It is a majestic cross and dominates the whole Cathedral from the moment one enters.

The archiepiscopal throne is an exact facsimile of the Papal throne in St. John Lateran's, Rome, and is composed chiefly of white statuary marble and mosaic, with heraldic bearings. It was made in Rome.

There are eleven chapels in the Cathedral—the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, of Our Lady, of Sts. Augustine and Gregory, of the Holy Souls, of St. Joseph; these are private gifts. The others, with the exception of that of St. Peter in the crypt, have not yet been subscribed for.

Rev. Kenelm Vaughan, brother of the late Cardinal Archbishop, has given years of his life to collecting the money for the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, travelling over South America and Spain and gathering over \$70,000.

The pulpit is of rare marbles, such as porphyry and serpentine, with inlay and mosaic. The preacher will stand four feet above the floor, that is, on a level with the heads of a seated audience, which for acoustic properties is the suitable height. The acoustics of the Cathedral have been tested and found excellent.

It was hoped once that enough money would be gathered to get marble flooring for the whole Cathedral. But many considerations—economy, comfort, hygiene, ended in the laying, at least for the present, of wood block flooring.

The general view of the inner walls is still one of bare rough brick. Their complete covering with marbles and mosaics must be a matter of great cost and many years.

Catholic and Secular Literature

Under the heading, "Double Prices" a very pertinent item appeared, recently, in a Catholic publication of London. It ran thus:—"Too late. The 'Encyclopaedia Britannica,' latest edition, can now no longer be purchased for one guinea down, and twenty-seven monthly payments of a guinea each; it will cost just double that amount from Saturday last. That tens of thousands of copies were purchased shows that money is still pretty free somewhere, though in some cases, according to the 'Times' announcement, men purchased on the guinea instalment plan from a salary of little over a guinea a week. And yet there are many per-

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sons, Catholics, who cannot afford a penny a week for what is more to the point, and certainly more likely to be read when purchased—a Catholic paper." Although the subject of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" does not exactly touch us, that of the Catholic paper comes home to every one of our organs, here as well as elsewhere.

It would be impossible to mention all the excuses that some of our people find for not subscribing to a Catholic newspaper. They are all well known to our readers, for we have had frequent occasion to mention them. Still, whenever there is any serious attack made upon our institutions, societies, or prominent individuals, the very people who can never find a dollar to subscribe nor time to read the paper, are the first to call upon it for protection of their interests. They have no use for it as long as matters go along smoothly; but the moment a cloud appears upon the sky they want to know where their organ is.

One category of these non-supporters of the Catholic press, consists of the men who "receive so many papers that they have no time to read them." What kind of papers do they receive? A few dailies that have the general news of the hour, and a lot of non-descript publications, ranging from fifty cents to a couple of dollars per year, that they have taken from agents, "just to get rid of them." They will thus find the dollars to encourage questionable literature, in which they claim to have no interest, but cannot find one dollar to encourage a work blessed by the Church and recommended by the Vicar of Christ. Even were they never to read the Catholic paper, surely they will not say that they have no interest in the Catholic cause.

TALL BUILDINGS.

In the city of New York there are many buildings of great height, sufficient one would fancy, for all purposes, but the mania for "skyscrapers," as they are called is evidently on the increase. An exchange says:—The tallest building on earth, 45 stories high, is to be erected at the corner of Cortlandt street and Broadway, New York. It is to be twice as tall as the "Flatiron Building" and almost as tall again as the Park Row Building.

Known as the "Broadway Cortlandt," it is to have a total height of 615 feet, surmounted by 60-foot towers. The total floor space will be 579,579 feet square.

Contracts for the erection of the building will soon be let. The land, 212 feet on Broadway, 100 feet down Dey street and 123 feet down Cortlandt street, was secured quietly during the past spring and summer, at a cost of \$5,000,000, and \$1,500,000 is the estimated cost of construction.

Every modern device, appliance and method of construction will be exemplified in this mammoth among buildings.

To bedrock excavations will be made, and this means a depth of 30 or more feet. Massive masonry surmounted by tall piers of granite will form the base. Five of the forty-five stories will be lower than the curb. The lowest one will be occupied by the mechanical work of the building. The next two floors will be devoted to storage. The fourth floor below the curb will be in part a rapid transit sub-station, connecting with the subway systems of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City.

Having a skeleton steel frame, the new building is to be the handsomest office building ever erected. White marble is to compose the outer lower walls. Above the fifteenth floor granite will be used.

Capitalized at \$20,000,000, a company will have control of the building, which will probably produce \$1,500,000 in total rental.

ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Sunday, 10th January, 1904.—Irish 155, French 183, English 28, Scotch and other nationalities 14. Total 380.

REDMOND ON HOME RULE.

At a recent meeting held in Sligo, under the auspices of the Irish National League, Mr. John Redmond, M. P., made the following spirited declaration in regard to Home Rule. He said:—

I read the other day a letter, dated December 14, by Mr. Herbert Gladstone, who is the Whip of the Liberal party, and who, therefore, speaks with very great authority, apart altogether from the authority he derives from his name. He says:—"So far as I am concerned, I am a Home Ruler; but, as I have frequently said to my constituents, the Nationalist Party have accepted, at any rate for the present, the alternative policy of the Conservative party, and it is essential that we should see what result the policy is likely to have on Irish opinion and what are to be its further developments. Faithfully yours, H. Gladstone." Now, I state here to-day that that is an absolute misrepresentation of our position.

I deny—and I indignantly deny—that we have ever accepted any alternative policy to Home Rule. For us there is no such thing as an alternative to Home Rule. Our policy has never changed for the last twenty-five years. Nothing short of Home Rule will ever be our policy for a settlement of the Irish question; but every concession of the Land Act of '81, the Local Government Act of '98, or the Land Act of this year—every such concession which strengthens our own arms we will accept.

But Mr. Gladstone may take it from me—and just at this juncture, perhaps, it is well that this should be clearly understood by him and his friends—that we will not listen to any policy as an alternative to Home Rule, whether it comes to us from the present Government or from any Government that may be formed in the future by the different sections of the Liberal party.

We will not tolerate, so far as we have the power—and I think it is likely that we will have a good deal of power before long—we will not tolerate any policy, no matter from what quarter it comes, which in our judgment postpones for an hour the restoration of our native Parliament, under whose sway alone Ireland can be prosperous and Irishmen contented.

Patent Report.

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted by the Canadian Government through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, Canada, and Washington, U.S.A. Information relating to the patents cited will be supplied free of charge by applying to the above-named firm.

- 84,472—Edward B. Pellerin, Winnipeg, Man. Ironing board.
84,476—Napoleon Mathurin, Montmagny, Que. Fire tongs.
84,481—Joseph Prudent Malette, Magog, Que. Fire escape.
84,571—Theo. H. J. Daigle, Aldonano, N.B. Sewing machine casters.
84,585—Venant Tropanier, Montreal, Que. Ditching implement.
84,602—Wm. H. Little, McKellar, Ont. Dust guard.
84,653—Headley V. Hillcoat, Amherst, N.S. Combination ball and roller bearing.

Keep on trimming your lamps, till your soil, tugging and pecking away. You can never tell when the messenger of success will come.

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ABOUT PREJUDICE. Sphere of life men are to live down prejudice no people in the world this duty falls more upon Catholics. The simple; because the pining against their Churches, extend to their aims; and it is on through their lives a duct that such prejudice, that they can overcome them and to rightful status in society. Take, for example, in the United States—in same conditions do not ever obtained—where under which the Catholic struggle, extends to social, on political, Presidency of the Republic, the humbler offices of office. The public, grow to note the absence from the incumbency of positions, naturally fallacious idea that it is a duty that is the cause of lack of competency in religious training educational system. It is the duty of those against prejudices exist, to so struggle, to so persevere manifest their real qualifications, that the man secure, by fair means against long odds, any possibility they will in these spheres than contemporaries of other. These prejudices, in a marked degree, edifies against the Irish home, and he has to them in the land of "ism" and "Apoism."

By the representative that people judged; no what sphere. Consequence Catholics of this continent assist in the grand work of Church's propaganda, alive to the fact that active men, not only in field, but in every arena of the public sphere be up to the very highest. This does not necessitate they must be the most attractive, but must be the most honorable. They related to command respect and challenge the non-Catholic world, they rise in the estimate who are prejudiced against the Church, in such way they help to kill out the judges that are harborers of them.

One of the first conditions should exist is that lives should be as irreproachable as their public lives. It is mentary on the Church's teaching to say that what a man does, in his private life, as long as his public life is honest, he is a good man. We are not of the faith in any such sophistry. We cannot see how a virtuous and honest citizen, if he is immoral dealing as a public official, we believe that any man's private morals are of little value if he is not a virtuous man. The two lives are not separated as one; and what needs is to be able to do a faultless public and private life. It is possible for him. By such means does he stupendous task of "prejudices, and of error, and juster prospects for

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