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AN IMPROVEMENT.

In last week's issue we called attention to the widespread violation of the excise law on Sundays throughout the city, and submitted the matter to Superintendent of Police. Mr. O. Campeau, in a personal communication.

While the reports that have reached us are not all that could be desired, there was a marked improvement in some sections over pre-

Deep-rooted evils, of long standing, require time and an amount of patience for their eradication, and we look for the gradual elimination of

Eternal vigilance on the part of the police force and all law-abiding citizens must be the watchword.

Last Sunday was a beginning. Let the crusade continue.

THE LIBERAL PARTY AND IRE-LAND.

Upon quitting the post of Chief Secretary for Ireland, Hon. James Bryce has taken occasion to give a public account of his experiences which cover the relations of the Liberal party with Irish affairs. Mr. Bryce takes the ground that in Irish business everything ought to be open and above-board as is the rule in England and Scotland. Above all there should be no fear concerning the expression of the sentiment of people together.

"You ought not," said Mr. Bryce, "to try and suppress national sentiment, even if it takes the form of Irish sentiment rather than the sentiment of devotion to the Empire and the United Kingdom. That is what we have been trying to do commenting thus in this connection: in Ireland in the last thirteen months.

Among the things the Liberal party claim to have done are (1) Opposing what used to be called the system of jury-packing; (2) Not a single meeting has been proclaimed, nor has anyone been prosecuted for making a speech.

In government by suppression of fair trial and freedom of speech the Tory party constantly endeavored to brand the Irish people as lawless. How has the country responded to the sign of toleration? "The coun try," said Mr. Bryce, "is singularly

The representative of Liberal government in Ireland went on to say, trust that they will receive the rehowever, that the demand of Iraland for some change in her administration is still undiminished. Treland demands self-government. There- public taste, and one way of ac fore the Irish problem is still unsolved. "What is it," he asked, how are we to do it?"" This is the great question, and we give Mr. Bryce's answer to it in his own

Ireland, with only one-tenth of the population of the United Kingdom, seen nothing more interesting in v source of political dan-United Kingdom? Those can be any source of political ger to the United Kingdom? Those the Rome correspondent of The Dubin Ireland who desire separation are the Rome correspondent of The Dubin Ireland who desire separation are the Rome correspondent of The Dubwell with the Rome correspondent of the Rom ger to the an insufficient minority. bulk of the people have the con tinue linked with Great Britain. The idea of any serious movement in favor of separation is a mere chimera. I am not here to tell you any se cret or to say when any scheme will be proposed, or what it will tain-those duties will devolve upon or-I am here to reiterate my belief in the necessity of doing I suppose that when a neasure is brought in for the benefit reminder of an excellent use of Ireland it will meet in the House of Commons with the usual party opposition. But really the question s too serious, too large, and has en with us too long to be treated as a merely Party question. I would like to appeal to the moderate men of both parties to try and meet this question in a reasonable spirit hey must know that Ireland has en in the past, and may be in the future, a serious source of embarrassent to Tory Governments as well as to Liberals, and I would therefore ask them whenever a measure is introduced to give a fair and reasonable consideration to this great problem. It will be a great achievenent, an achievement I hope shall continue to work for, to make reland, like Scotland and Wales, a rosperous and contented member of he United Kingdom."

This candid speaking by an Englishman to Englishmen is refreshing after years of Tory misrepresentation and slander. Whatever the Liberal Government may attempt to do, whether successium or otherwise, the public opinion of both ountries must be improved by the frankness and common sense statesmen who are not afraid face the facts and tell the truth.

SOME PLAYS.

It is refreshing to see all the important newspapers in New York city condemning in unmeasured terms the nauseating Wilde-Strauss production of "Salome" at the Metropolitan Opera House. It is encouraging to see a paper like the New York American, for instance, taking a pronounced stand against this play and also the play "John the Bap tist" now being produced in that city. The presentation of produc tions of this character is simply the overgrowth of the custom has been increasing for years, of depicting on the stage all the essential parts of worship, sometimes for the purpose of heightening the effect of realism, but more frequently to the papers of January 6, M. Combes nationality, for nationality binds the force a laugh. The result of this is said. enevitably to make light of things sacred, and consequently lower and debase sacred personages, services and events in the sight of the unthinking.

It is gratifying to see a sensational newspaper like the American

"In each man's heart are certain hallowed presences that he would not have made common, shrines that to be approached lightly, are not things that are so clean and white that he would not touch them with soiled hands or stained thoughts. Is not the very fact the s the Baptist has been held in reverence by millions of people enough to make us respect the objects of their faith and to keep them inviolate from the unclean-from things unclean, at least, as Oscar Wilde's nauseating concept of Salome?"

The enterprising managers of thes plays may try to foist their produc free from crime in proportion to its tions on the Montreal public when the revolt in the States render them unprofitable there. If so, we

buke they merit. The way to reform the stage is first to reform public morals and Ireland, Mr. Bryce frankly sym complishing this is to act on recognized principle that the exhibi-"that we are to do for Ireland and tion of vice tends to make people

COIN MOTTOES.

The removal of the motto "God Protect France" from the coinage of

Can England say now that association of prayer and wealth in ing whatever Irish p seen nothing more interesting in this connection than the remarks of The great | lin Freeman's Journal, Mr. P. L. non- Connellan. Whilst the act of the mse to know that they must con- French Government in itself proclaims an antagonism to all religion, it incidentally shows how far present rulers of France have parated themselves from the Papacy. In a coin of Pope Benedict XIV. of date 1740 were the words "Ut alat eos in fame"-That it may nourish thee in hunger. Here is money. Still better was the declaration ordered by Pope Innocent XI on a gold crown piece, "There is no one wickeder than the miser." The same Pontiff had astamped upon halfcrown pieces the words: "The miser will not be filled," and "The things preserved perish." Pope Clement XI. (1700-1711) issued the following admonition on the face of a golden scudo: "Obey not the empire gold"; also, "Do not desire money," and "It is not for avarice." A coin of Pope Alexander VII declares "Care follows increasing wealth," and one of Innocent XI. "They will not profit thee in the day of judgment." Other coin mottoes by the same Pope are. "He that loves gold will not be saved": "He who trusts in riches will fail"; "What doth it avail a man; what doth it avail a

There are many others, and from among the number we select the following: "Do not forget the poor" (Clement X.); "Use moderately like a man": "He lends to the Lord who has mercy on the poor."

But the rulers of France want the people to see no reminders of religion or charity.

THE POSITION OF THE POPE.

Day after day the newspapers of this continent as well as of Great Britain are deluged with reports o differences said to exist between th Pope and the Bishops of France; and the Holy Father is represented forcing the Bishops into a position repugnant to their patriotism. Nothing else has done so much to dispel all such inventions as a speech delivered by M. Combes, who, among the enemies of the Church in the Re public still maintains a peculiar distinction. But Combes is honest enough to speak the truth concerning the Pope. In a speech reported in

"To pronounce definitely that this land." steadfastness (of the Pope) is obstinacy would be arbitrarily to de grade a situation which is not without grandeur, and a character which is not without strength. No! Pius X is not acting as an obstinate man. He is acting as a Pope conscious of his office, and conscious too, of the fundamental doctrine he is commissioned to uphold. His irreconcilableness is not that of man: it is the irreconcilableness of doctrine-of a doctrine which he may not unlawfully mutilate or suppress Justly and rightly does he hold it to be a duty and a point of honor not there a loss, an irreparable loss, to proclaim this doctrine from the when these shrines are poluted? Is height of the Papal chair under pain his office at the Vatican. Nearly of incurring neglect of duty in matters of Catholic teaching.

The apologists of M. Combes ar wasting their time in endeavoring to misrepresent the Supreme Pontiff when his position is so well understood by the politicians with whom the Vatican has to deal.

IRELAND'S NEW CHIEF SECRE-TARY.

The change in the Irish Chief Se cretaryship is an incident of light importance to the future pathized with the Irish people was trusted by them. Mr. Birrel is not altogether an unknown quantity; but so far as Ireland is con cerned has not come out of shell. The leading Nationalist paper The Freeman's Journal, says "The Irish representatives

is not always the sign of indep ence much less of strength; and th policy of the closed eyes and open out a sympathetic hope for its success, but without any delusive He is entitled to the consideration due to an Englishman who believe the most sympathetic English administration to be but a temporary expedient and who has registered h conviction that the government of Ireland ought to be more responsible to the people of Ireland.'

A CATHOLIC TRIUMPH IN GER-MANY.

The Catholic or Centre party came out of the elections last week with ndiminished strength. If we had the polling the Catholics stood no chance whatever, opposed by the Socialists on one hand, disliked by the Kaiser's government on the other, and split up among the constituencies that had returned one hundred Catholic members to the former Reichstag. In the flush of this new victory it is well to remember the broad principles for which the Centre Party stands. It is the party of Catholic democracy and patriotism, believing in monarchy and in the right of public opinion. For many years this party has been trusted by the Sovereign as one of the pillars of national security, and public confidence remains unshaken in its telligence and influence.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Russia has granted facilities to certain number of congregations expelled from France to establish themselves in Siberia.

Despatches announce the death o Cardinal Nocella, one of the most distinguished members of the cred College, at the age of 80 years.

Attention is being drawn to the ecessity of saving from destruction the historic Irish College in Paris It is under the management of the Vincentian Fathers, subject to the control of the Irish Episcopacy.

By way of a farewell to his friends and admirers in Ireland, Mr. James Bryce, the new ambassador to Wash ington, delivered a most interesting lecture in Dublin on January 4 or 'The Norsemen of Iceland and Norway and their relations to Early Ire-

Students of the Propaganda, in honor of the jubilee of the priesthood of Cardinal Gotti, held an entertain ment at which poems were recited in thirty-three different languages. This in itself in not so interesting as the fact that ten of the recitations were by British subjects.

Dr. Augustus Leo Kenny, of Melbourne, Australia, has been appointed by Pius X. Cameriere Segreto of Cappa e Spado, and has assumed twenty years ago Dr. Kenny named Knight of St. Gregory Great by Leo XIII.

Anthony Koslowski, the dissatisfied priest, who called himself Bishop and started an independent church for the Poles, died a days ago in Chicago. When h found himself at death's door sent for a priest to make his con fession and recant his apostacy, but before the priest reached his bedside he became unconscious and so died of Apparently repenting too late. It is not safe to put of conversion to a convenient day.

No other name among Bishop comes in for more reckless liberty by his the press than that of Archbishe Ireland. The Archbishop re were saints in private but co in public life. The Paris "Matin was authorized by Dr. Ireland

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give the story a formal contradic tion, but that paper itself hardly handled him fairly. The full text of the Archbishop's discourse, which has appeared in the American news papers, will be published in Rome.

Mr. Louis Lavergne, newly-elected Mayor of Arthabaskaville, has set a very good example by the fearless step he has taken in the right direction. "Paying the treat" on any and every occasion from the christen ing of the baby to the closing of a bargain at the market has been a custom handed down through man ages. We are pleased to note Mr Lavergne setting aside all sentimen attached to custom and positively refusing to "treat" his constituents He feels that this public act of open ly disapproving of the odious custom will go to show that he is in full accord with the temperance campaign at present being so earnestly waged.

Of the Labor Party in England, Mr. Wm. Redmond, M.P., writes: "On religious questions the Labor men, as far as I know, exhibit the tmost toleration and good feeling. Some of them are Catholics them-All of them are, I believe, selves. anxious that every religion should be treated with the utmost justice and fair play, though on educational matters most of them are secularists. On the education Bill, of course most of the labor men were pledged to support some of the principles of the Government measure. But ne vertheless, some of them, notably Mr. MacPherson and Mr. O'Grady, (the latter himself an Irish Cathothey were all anxious that Catholics in every way should be as well treated as Protestants."

A distinguished correspondent of the Dublin Freeman's journal calls attention to the latest indication which the French Government has given of its absolutely atheistical spirit. This is the change which it has ordered in the device on the coinage. The five franc used bear the motto "Dieu protegé France." By the decree of the Minister of Finance this mention of God is to be ommitted in future. M. Louis Passy, one of the oldest members the following terms to the Finance Minister's proclamation of ath The time is not yet arrived wh

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God Save the King,' or 'Domine Salvam fac Republicam.' And these who see shining across the ininities of space those lights of hope and justice that nothing shall tinguish will repeat in the depths of their hearts 'God protect France.'"

sents South Down in Parliament, is responsible for causing the government to produce the bulkiest volume in the shape of official returns that has ever been laid before the House of Commons. It deals with Irish government officers, their names, age, salaries, length of service, actual positions, whether the appointment was by nomination without examination.

by nomination with limited competi-

tion, or by nomination with qualify-

Jeremiah MacVeagh, who repre-

ing examination. The object of the member South Down was to ascertain how posts were obtained, as it has been a matter of complaint for some years that the sons of influential people have been "jockeyed" into positions without having to pass the examinations prescribed by the civil service commissioner. The return shows that there are in all some forty departments or boards under the control of the Irish government, and what is most sometional is that as many as 65 per cent of the ofand emolument were placed without having to pass a qualifying examination. Under close analysis it is ascertained, too, that from ighty-five to ninety per cent, of the if the positions are filled by duffers ncapable of passing a qualifyh mess of what one cor would do well. 'And Ireland pays

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