

THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGELUS.

By Walter Lecky.

At eve, with coming gray, Ere darkness leads the way, I heard an old bell say: "Angelus Domini nuntiavit Maria."

A peasant heard the tale Borne by a passing gale, And sang in lower scale: "Et concepit ut Spiritu Sancto."

A shepherd on the height Bid sleepy day "good-night," And prayed with all his might, Ave Maria.

The bell then sweeter spoke, A woman's voice awoke, And through the air it broke— "Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum."

The shepherd-peasant made A bow, and softer prayed, Invoking Virgin's aid— Ave Maria.

Then louder rang the bell, As if to break a spell, And make this poor world well— "Et verbum caro factum est."

A monk within his cell Dropt on his knees to tell The message of the bell— "Et habitavit in nobis."

When ceased the changing note, The scribe in heaven wrote, "From these be sin remote"— Gloria in Excelsis Domino.

DISUNITED IRELAND.

Is it really disunited? It is the misfortune of our race to use the superlative on nearly every occasion. We call names sometimes with a fluency inexpressible in children. "Traitor," "pledge-breaker," "factionist," etc., are the vocabulary of political scolds, applied so freely that those words lose their meaning when translated into the language of ordinary thought.

Yet Ireland, torn with dissension, abandoned, practically, by its English Liberal friends, disturbed by a new element of discord in the person of T. M. Healy, and deprived of aid from its outside friends, has returned a delegation substantially as large and influential for the cause of Home Rule as it did in the most popular period of that measure.

That is not a sign of disunion. As the London Westminster Gazette remarks:— In the rush and whirl—so unexpected in its sweep—of the Unionist reaction in Great Britain the other great feature of the election is in some danger of escaping due attention. It is, of course, the remarkable and significant staunchness of the Irish Nationalists' vote. "You English," said one of the Irish leaders, in a memorable interview a few years ago, "have attempted to put forward the Irishman as a volatile, mercurial and impressionable animal, in contrast to the steady-going and phlegmatic John Bull. But we Irishmen, on the contrary, regard you as the volatile and mercurial creature. It is the Englishman who is the creature of whims and passions, blown about by every passing gust of feeling. Perhaps," added the Irishman, "it is natural. You English have got your liberties and can afford to take things lightly. We are in chains; the volatile elements in us are more or less weighed down by our fetters, we are bound to a single cause, and in us, therefore, you will find on the great political issues no choppings or changes." These remarks recur to us with much emphasis to-day, for who can deny that there is an element of truth in them which present circumstances illustrate very powerfully?

Perhaps, after all, as the shrewd English critic observes, the Irish are not so fickle or so volatile as is generally supposed. For more than a dozen years they have clung with marvellous tenacity to a cause apparently hopeless in the beginning and, as some think, entirely hopeless now; but as the same English authority remarks, it is not Ireland so much as England that has been "wobbling" on the question of Home Rule. To quote again:

The wobbling of England, the constancy of Ireland—these are the two salient features of the general election of 1895. The moral of them respectively is not so diverse as are the phenomena themselves. Will there be among the victorious party any statesman bold enough and far-seeing enough to note the point of connection and grasp the opportunity which now offers? We all profess—English and Irish, Tories, Liberal-Unionists and Liberals alike—to desire to see the "Irish question" out of the way. But how is it to be got there? "The wobbling of England." Surely that fact carries a warning with it. What the English elector calls black one day he may yet live, under the impression of some new sentiment, to call white another day. In 1886 he was off with Home Rule; in 1892 he was on; in 1895 he is off again. In 18— he will be— what? And meanwhile there is the other great fact of the elections—"The constancy of Ireland." If the course of events since the autumn of 1890 has done nothing to weaken the force and volume of the constitutional demand of Ireland, to what can any far-seeing Unionist look for abatement? Just as coercion could not break the spirit of the Nationalists, and the policy of sops did not bribe their fidelity, so neither have external discouragements and internal dissensions destroyed their hope. What a chance is presented to the new Government, with its magnificent majority, to recognize the facts and to put the settlement of the Irish question in train by laying the foundation on truly imperial lines of real self-government for Ireland in all purely Irish affairs!

In a word, Irishmen, like other people, have the defect of their virtues. Because they are by nature incapable of submitting to wrong, they are incapable of being subdued, in the long and the wrong run. All that is needed to make the run short is united action. Humiliating as it is to read of factions and counter-factions, of "McCarthyites," "Parnellites" and "Healyites" and every other description of "ites," one need not despair of the coming of a Nationalist party which shall subordinate every other consideration to that of country.

It may not be the worst thing for the Irish Nationalists to learn that their strongest hope of success rests with themselves alone. The moral and material sympathies of the outside world have their great potency; but it is true now as it ever has been, that, "Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow." An additional blow will always be given when needed; but let Irishmen only stand together, and even that ready and willing aid will be superfluous.—The Pilot.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The oldest Bonaparte living is Cardinal Bonaparte, grandson of Lucien.

Right Rev. Dr. Gallagher was recently consecrated Coadjutor-Bishop of Goulburn.

The discolored Carmelites have resolved to found an international college at Rome.

Archbishop Flood, of Trinidad, is at present in Rome, at the house of the Irish Dominicans, to which Order he belongs.

The Pope has named Very Rev. Father Saldafic, ex-Minister General of the Irish Conventuals, as Archbishop of Sarlicia.

Among the recent distinguished visitors to Rome is Mgr. Girolamo Thome da Silva, Archbishop of Bahia and Primate of Brazil.

A noble and heroic figure has gone from the Irish priesthood by the death of Very Rev. Canon Hocy, pastor of Castleblaney.

On the 18th ult. Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fide, celebrated his Silver Sacerdotal Jubilee.

The friends of Governor McKinley emphatically deny that he is a member of the A.P.A. and say that he is opposed to that un-American order.

At the convent of the Sisters of Mt. Carmel, New Orleans, fifty sisters of the Order recently took perpetual vows and ten made religious profession.

Many of the delegates to the Total Abstinence Congress in New York journeyed to the convention on bicycles. Boston sent a distinct club on the silent steed.

The new theological seminary, built by Most Rev. Archbishop O'Brien in Halifax, is completed at a cost of \$40,000, which does not include the sum paid for the site.

The corner-stone of the new Covington Cathedral will be laid with most impressive ceremony on September 8th. This will be one of the finest churches in the United States.

A telegram from Rome says that a conference on the union of the German Protestant and Catholic Churches will be held in that city commencing on the first of October.

Rev. Brother Dositheus, for many years connected with the Christian Brothers' Academy at Albany, N.Y., has been appointed director of the La Salle Institute, Providence, R.I.

Right Rev. Thomas M. A. Burke, D.D., bishop of Albany, will make his visit ad limina to Rome probably the latter part of this month. He is now making preparations for his trip.

During a storm in the village of Calastarra in Murcia, Spain, a church which was filled with people was struck by lightning and set on fire. A child was killed and eight adults injured.

From the reports of the Jesuit missionary, Father Sveinsson, it is learned that leprosy is increasing in Iceland. Last year a Danish physician examined the people inhabiting one-third of the island and found 141 lepers.

Mother Annunciate of St. Mary's, Notre Dame, was elected Mother-General of the Sisters of the Holy Cross of the United States. The term is for six years. Sister Pauline of Ogden, Utah, succeeds to the management of St. Mary's.

The A.P.A. of Massachusetts swears vengeance against Senator Hoar for daring to express his honest opinions. He will be a candidate for re-election very soon, but the bigots will cut but a small figure when the Legislature meets.

Right Rev. Bishop Roper, Titular Bishop of Panopolis and Vicar-Apostolic of the Sandwich Islands, had a private audience with the Holy Father recently, during which the affairs of his diocese were discussed, particularly the leper colony.

When Bishop McDonnell returns from Europe he will be asked to approve the plans for a monastery on Long Island near Brooklyn, for the Trappist monks. Rev. Edmund Obrecht, superior of the Trappists at Tre Fontane, in Rome, has the project in charge. During Bishop Loughlin's administration he would not consent to the presence of any order of monks in his diocese, but Bishop McDonnell is more liberal. The Trappists wear white robes and a cowl that practically covers the head and face. They excel in agriculture and are exceedingly devout.

COMMERCIAL.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.

FLOUR.—The flour market has been quiet and easier, and any new business in either strong bakers' or straight rollers has been done at lower prices. Of course, deliveries have been made of best brands of strong bakers' at \$4.35, but they were on old contracts, the same with Manitoba patents at \$4.50; but new business has been done at \$4 to \$4.10 for Manitoba patents, and at \$3.90 for Manitoba strong bakers'; and we hear that even lower figures have been made for Manitoba strong bakers'. It is maintained, however, that these flours are not best brands. In Ontario straight rollers we have to report a further decline in values, car lots on track having been offered freely at \$3.60 to \$3.65, showing a decline of 15c to 20c per barrel during the week. In smaller lots we quote \$3.75 to \$3.85. Straight rollers are offered in the west at \$3.30 f.o.b. Spring Patent \$0.00 to \$4.15. Winter Patent \$4.10 to \$4.15. Straight Roller \$3.60 to \$3.85. City Strong Bakers, best brands, \$4.00 to \$4.00. Manitoba Strong Bakers \$3.75 to \$3.90. Ontario bags—extra \$1.65 to \$1.75. Straight Roller, bags \$1.80 to \$1.90.

OATMEAL.—We quote prices as follows:—Rolled and granulated \$3.80 to \$3.90; standard \$3.70 to \$3.80. In bags, granulated and rolled are quoted at \$1.90 to \$1.95, and standard at \$1.75 to \$1.85.

BEST FOR WASH DAY USE SURPRISE SOAP BEST FOR EVERY DAY

Pot barley \$4.25 in bbls. and \$2.00 in bags, and split peas \$3.50.

BRAN, ETC.—The market for bran is firm at \$17.00 to \$17.50; but business is limited through scarcity of supplies. Shorts are also scarce and firm at \$19.00 to \$20.00. Moullie in small request, and prices are more or less nominal at \$21.00 to \$22.50.

WHEAT.—The local market is practically closed, as there is no business, on account of there being scarcely anything to sell. In the West sales of new Ontario wheat have transpired at 68c to 69c, showing a further drop of 1c to 2c on the week. The Chicago market is 3c to 4c lower on the week.

CORN.—No change in this market, and we quote No. 2 mixed Chicago at 45c to 46c in bond, and 53c to 55c duty paid.

PEAS.—Peas are purely nominal at 70c to 71c per 66 lbs.

OATS.—The market is decidedly weak and lower, sales of No. 2 white having transpired at 35c, and subsequently at 34c per 34 lbs. No. 3 has sold at 34c, and new are offering to arrive at 32c.

BARLEY.—The market is dull, the only sales reported being for feed at 1c per lb. in Ontario. We quote 52c to 53c for feed and 56c to 58c for malting grades.

BUCKWHEAT.—Prices nominal at 50c to 52c. RYE.—Prices are quoted at 60c to 61c. MALT.—Market unchanged at 70c to 80c as to quality and quantity.

PROVISIONS.

PORK, LARD, &c.—In pork there is an easier feeling, and prices are being shaded in order to effect new business. Heavy Canada mess pork has sold at very irregular values, sales being given us at \$16 to \$16.50 and \$17, small quantities bringing \$17.50. Chicago mess pork continues to come, but it is mostly on through bills for Newfoundland. In lard there have been sales of round lots at \$1.35 up to \$1.40 and \$1.45 for smaller lots. We quote:—Canada short cut pork, per bbl., \$16.00 to \$17.50; Canada thin mess, per bbl., \$15.00 to \$15.50; Mess pork, American, new, per bbl., \$15.50 to \$16.00; Hams, per lb., 9c to 11c; Lard, pure, in pails, per lb., 8c to 9c; Lard, compound, in pails, per lb., 6c to 7c; Bacon, per lb., 9c to 11c; Shoulders, per lb., 8c to 8c.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

BUTTER.—The market has been quiet but steady during the week, shippers having taken a few lots of creamery at 17c to 18c for finest. Two lots aggregating about 220 pkgs were placed at 17c to 18c. In dairy butter there has been some transactions in Eastern Townships at 15c, about 60 tubs being sold at that figure. In Western dairy two lots aggregating 150 tubs were sold at 13c and 14c respectively. We quote: Creamery, finest July-Aug., per lb., 17c to 18c; Creamery, fair to good, 16c to 17c; Townships, 15c to 16c; Morrisburg, 13c to 15c; Western, 13c to 14c.

CHEESE.—A decidedly improved business has taken place, and values are higher all round. At the boat on Monday 3,000 boxes of French sold at 7c to 7c, part August. In Western goods there have been sales on spot at 8c for finest, with prices at some of the country boards about as high, and in some instances higher. The great fear now is that prices may be hoisted above the export basis and a check put to the improvement that has manifestly taken place. We quote as follows: Finest Ontario, 7c to 8c; Eastern Townships, 7c to 8c; French, 7c to 7c; undergrades, 6c to 7c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.—Prices slightly in favor of buyers, sales of 50 to 100 cases of fresh candied stock having been made at 11c up to 11c for single cases, with 12c obtained for a few exceptionally choice cases. No. 2 have sold at 9c to 10c.

TALLOW.—Market remains unchanged, and prices are quoted 5c to 6c.

HOPS.—Market remains quiet, and prices are more or less nominal. A few single bales of new have been sold, but prices are no criterion for general values, which we quote 5c to 8c for yearlings.

HONEY.—Market dull. Old extracted 5c to 6c per lb. New 7c to 9c per lb in tins as to quality. Comb honey 10c to 12c.

MAPLE PRODUCTS.—Sugar 6c to 7c, and old 5c to 6c. Syrup 4c to 5c per lb. in wood and at 50c to 60c in tins.

BEANS.—Market steady at \$1.65 to \$1.75 for good mediums. Choice hand-picked pea beans \$1.85 to \$2.00. Poorer kinds \$1.25 to \$1.50.

BALED HAY.—Market easier and lower. No. 2 shipping hay, \$9.00 to \$9.50. No. 1 straight Timothy, \$10.00. At country points, \$8.00 to \$8.50 is quoted for No. 2 and \$9.50 for No. 1.

FRUITS.

Apples continue to come in very plentiful, the receipts greatly exceeding the demand, consequently prices show a decline of 25c to 50c per barrel during the week. Oranges are firm and the supply is limited, owing to the recent advance in the New York market. Lemons in fair demand at steady prices. California peaches and plums show a decline of 25c to 50c per box.

APPLES.—Dried, 5c to 6c per lb.; Evaporated, 6c to 7c per lb.; Evaporated fancy, 0c to 0c per lb.; Medium, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel; Fine, \$1.75 to \$2.25, 25c to 30c per basket.

ORANGES.—Rodi, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box. LEMONS.—\$4.00 to \$4.50 per box. BANANAS.—40c to 90c per bunch. GRAPE.—Concord, \$2.50 per carrier;

Delaware, \$3.50 per carrier; Niagara \$3 per carrier.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES.—\$1.40 per box; Plums, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per box; Peas, \$2.75 per box.

PEARS.—H. R. Bartlett, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per kg; Clapp Favorite \$1.75 to \$2.25 per barrel.

PLUMS, Canadian—75c to 90c per basket.

PEACHES, Canadian, 75c to 90c per basket.

GRAPE, Canadian—40c to 45c per basket.

WATERMELONS.—10c to 18c each. DATES.—3c to 4c per lb.

COCONUTS.—Fancy, firsts, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per hundred; seconds, \$3 per hundred.

POTATOES.—New, 40c to 50c, per bag; do, 90c to \$1.10 per barrel.

FISH AND OILS.

FRESH FISH.—Cod and haddock 3c to 4c per lb.

SALT FISH.—Dry cod \$4 to \$4.50, and green cod No. 1 \$4 to \$4.50. Labrador herring \$3.75 to \$4, and shore \$3.00 to \$3.50. Salmon \$10 to \$11 for No. 1 small, in lbs, and \$12.50 to \$13.50 for No. 1 large. British Columbia salmon \$10. Sea trout \$7 to \$7.50.

CANNED FISH.—Losters \$6.00 to \$6.25, and Mackerel \$3.85 to \$4.00 per case.

OILS.—Seal oil to arrive is quoted at 33c net cash, and on spot 35c. Newfoundland cod oil at 35c to 36c; with business light. Cod liver oil 65c to 70c for ordinary and \$1.10 to \$1.20 for Norway.

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