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SAID SHE HAD A CURIOUS CURATIVE. I thought I would write you the benefit I have received from your Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. A few years ago I was troubled with weak lungs. I had tried all kinds of medicine, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I was in bed for weeks, and I was so weak that I could not walk. I was a long time getting up, and I was so weak that I could not do any work. I was so weak that I was almost blind. I was so weak that I was almost deaf. I was so weak that I was almost dumb. I was so weak that I was almost blind, deaf, dumb, and lame. I was so weak that I was almost blind, deaf, dumb, and lame. I was so weak that I was almost blind, deaf, dumb, and lame.

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News From Catholic England.

Worldly Matters Mingled With an Ecclesiastical Budget From the Seat of the Empire.

London, June 10.—It would be an easy matter to compile an interesting, varied and very full episode this week by dealing solely with the deliberations of the Catholic Young Men's Conference held at Whitehaven within the past few days. The able treatment of such subjects as the present position of the campaign for the religious education of our children; the attitude of the Catholic working man towards trades unionism; and the apostolate which is the privilege and the solemn obligation of every Catholic layman and woman, are in themselves sufficient to provide food for observation and reflection beyond the limits of one letter. But in addition we have the interesting solution of that most difficult problem, how to safeguard youths in the trying years between school and their arrival at man's estate while not appearing to hamper their freedom, which has been found by the Catholic Bays' Brigade, where they are enrolled in a body which combines the attractions of semi-military training, physical smartness, and esprit de corps with the observances of the faith.

A PRIEST'S OPINION. As Father Quinn, S. J., of New York, says: "Boys respect an organization all the more when people talk of its doings," and again—"The hortations in favor of frequent communions or a better attendance at religious meetings strike home all the more forcibly if delivered after a thronged and rousingly successful public field day." All of which is very true and has been proved by the success of this movement among our Catholic youth. Neither does this exhaust the embarrassments of riches of topics dwelt upon at the Conference. A filip towards fresh endeavor was given by Father Nicholson's powerful exposition of Catholic Disabilities, in which after lauding the work of Bishop Milner, who saved us from a second schism, he drew the attention of Westminsters, Nicholas Wiseman, who restored the hierarchy to England, and of that marvelous son of Ireland, the great Daniel O'Connell, who gave us Catholic Emancipation, the lecturer bade us remember that, although we number 12 million in the British Empire, we are neither free in theory nor in fact!

SCOTTISH CATHOLICS. But we must shake ourselves free of these worldly subjects which will trouble and which brought many Scottish Catholics together at the ball of the Royal Caledonian Society on Monday night, the men wearing that last survival of the graceful dress of old, that of a Highland chieftain, the ladies' exquisite gowns displaying proudly crossed over the breast a scarf of their respective tartans. Lady Ninian Crichton Stuart was the organizer of the lightsome reels which, danced to the wild music of the pipes, were the event of the evening, she herself leading the first with the Marquis of Bute and Lady Crometie led the second, the Earl of Leven and many other Scottish nobles being present in the uniforms of the ancient Scottish regiments, a picturesque setting being given to the ballroom by the decorations of white heath and Stuart roses, mixed with streamers of tartan ribbon.

THE CHURCH PAGEANT. To-day sees the opening of the Anglican Church Pageant of which more anon. Suffice to say at present that the vigorous course of lectures given at Islington by one of the Catholic delegates, who has just sailed for Germany with the representatives of the British churches, Monsignor Grosch, has had its desired effect, i.e., while the High Church party are almost sobbing with vexation at the flat denial of their claim of unity in faith and teaching, the Low Church party shouting with all their might, "We never said we were Catholics and we don't want to be!" so that the fulminations of both sides threaten internecine warfare, and the confusion which exists is thereby immensely increased.

ARCHBISHOP BOURNE. To-morrow the Catholics of the Archdiocese are observing an event which must bring joy to the breasts of so devoted a family as that which gathers round the chair of our Father in God, Francis Archbishop of Westminster, for it was on that day twenty-five years ago that the young priest received the sacred charge which has since in his case become so weighty and so augmented, and which he has sustained through a great crisis, such as that of last September with the calm strength and gracious Christian forbearance which have ever marked his dealings with the blustering and fretful world. Archbishop Bourne refused all substantial and visible mementoes of this most precious occasion, which the zeal and appreciation of his flock would have only too gladly offered. Hence it is that in response to his known desire for a spiritual gift, to-morrow's morn will see the faithful approach the

occasionally distracted the long tables surrounded by members of the Fourth Estate who listened with deep attention to Lord Rosebery's fine periods and clever manipulation of the emotions of his audience. Since then Canada has again come forward to show that she is in earnest and has not come merely for fair words and pretty speeches. Mr. Ross of the Ottawa Evening Journal made an impassioned plea for the all-red route cable, subsidized by Government, and reducing the present stiff rates which exclude much news from the various colonies, particularly intercommunication and colonial news passing from the Motherland and not from colony to colony. And so the days go by in a constant round of visits, gaieties, and those editors who can write their reminiscences upon their return will prove themselves level headed indeed.

THE OLYMPIA HORSE SHOW. But it is turning from a rain-bow to meet a sunburst to pass from the Imperial Press Conference to the International Horse Show at Olympia, a vast expanse of soft green turf roofed by a high dome of tender white and purple wisteria trails and surrounded by heath, dwarf roses, and trees cut in the quaint old fashion of an English garden. About this huge parterre rises a wall of humanity, its feminine portion in all their most charming and exquisite materials and hues. Here is sheer honest enjoyment in the beauty and prowess of one of the noblest of God's creatures, the horse, who is represented in every known species, from the tiny Shetland pony beloved of all the visitors, to the magnificent Canadian "Hercules" who cleared a seven foot eight inch jump on the second day, and is one of the principle glories of the show. Tuesday the occasion of the King's visit was marked by more Canadian successes. Capt. Procter being the first to clear completely the heaviest jump of the series, a five barred gate, an example which another Canadian officer, Lieut. Leonard, all but equaled. Although the King's Gold Cup passed to the French officers, who had a strong fight against the Italians, the horsemanship displayed in this jumping contest with all nationalities competing was almost faultless, the grace of horse and rider as they sailed over some peculiarly difficult obstacle, or passed up the arena being appreciated to the full by the many Colonials present, who know what good riding means.

SOME WORLDLY VIEWS. I propose, however, to take a hint from Father Hughes' remarks and cast in just a soupçon of worldly news with our plain Catholic fare. Moreover, in this the record week of the London season it becomes almost impossible to refrain from doing so when the Imperial Press Conference, the International Horse Show, and many other social events present so much of interest which concerns Canadians. Indeed Lord Rosebery, in his momentous speech about which the Empire is now gossiping, struck a note of Catholicity, albeit all unintentionally, when he referred to "that ancient civilization embodied in our old abbeys and cathedrals, built in the age of faith and surviving to testify that that faith is not dead in Britain"—though, Lord Rosebery, she has had to seek other homes since she rose immortal "from the grave where a Briton had laid her,"—a Briton of excusable memory and many wives!

A CANADIAN FIGURE. And amidst all the brilliant and all the business functions which have attended the first coronation of the supreme power which sways the sceptre of public opinion to-day—the Press—the venerable figure of Sir Hugh Graham stands out with peculiar importance, and the home papers are full of the romance of his career, while his conferees of the other Colonies defer to his well reasoned advice and follow his lead. So far the banquet of last Saturday given by London journalists to their brethren of the Colonies stands out as the most impressive and dignified of the numerous junketings and revels which the Mother Country is organizing to dazzle the eyes of her long absent children, and to disarm their criticism. Seen at night, the "White City" as it is still called, has a fairy-like and unreal aspect when all its domes and minarets are outlined in delicate radiance in the soft dusk of the June evening, and glimpses of this fairy scene mingled with the scent of flowers and the indefinable rustling caused by the near proximity of a great multitude,

CLAIMS OF CURES REMAIN UNPROVEN.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ON TRIAL.

Investigation Finds No Substantiation of Marvellous Statements Made For Sect.

Christian Science has been to the fore in recent years and more recent events have had the effect of giving considerable publicity to affairs of that sect. For that reason an article by Francis D. McGarry, C.S.C., in "The Cures of Christian Science," is timely. In introducing his topic the author writes: "If there is any one thing which should incline a thinking man to wards regarding the necessity of some authoritative religion, it is the recent rise of innumerable sects that upon purely natural or preternatural phenomena, are striving to build up anew the true Christianity, as they call it. In Europe especially, the materialist has been forced by evidence the most convincing to give up his former position, and to accept the belief in an unseen and little-known world. In America we also have our modern beliefs vastly different, professing beliefs vastly different, but experiencing cures from disease through means seemingly disproportionate or invisible. Great as may be their differences in belief, they all agree in making Christ their founder. To the spiritist He is the great Medium, to the hypnotist the great Hypnotizer, and to the various forms of Faith-Curing sects He is the great Healer. Hence, nothing more is required in order to be a Christian than belief in Christ as the great medium or healer. The Gospel narrative of His life, death, resurrection, and ascension is distorted to suit their own respective theories.

THE REAL FACTS. But what are the facts?—Before considering these it might be well to note the attitude of Christian Scientists towards men of simple yet true science. What that attitude is may be well judged from the following: Drs. Huber, of New York, and Goddard, of Clark University, Worcester, in the interest of science, sought from Christian Science certain credentials for the cures which it claims to effect and which, if true, would certainly go far to prove the truth of its teachings. If the adherents of Christian Science really believed that these cures occurred, then they would gladly welcome and invite fair and square investigation. If these same adherents of Christian Science did not really believe in these cures, then a attitude which they subsequently adopted is easily explainable.

ATTEMPTS TO INVESTIGATE. Dr. Huber, in the Popular Scientific Monthly for October, 1899, relates his futile attempts to obtain from Christian Scientists evidence whereby he might investigate the truth of one of the many cases of cures which they claim to have effected and which are held by medical science as incurable. Not even in one case could an interview be obtained with a person claiming to have been cured of one of these incurable diseases. Let me quote Dr. Huber's own account of the cases he investigated: "I examined in succession, and without exception, the case of every Christian Science cure up to the number of twenty. All these were of their own choosing, no doubt, then, they would be considered to be among their 'good' cases, their 'failures' I had no opportunity to examine. I could find in all twenty cases, and in all these twenty cases no cures that would have occasioned a medical man the least surprise. What did surprise me was the vast disproportion between the results they exhibit and the claims made by Christian Science healers. I heard during my investigation of yellow fever, phthisis, cancer and locomotor ataxia, which had been healed by Christian Science, but the truth compels the statement that my efforts to examine these cases were defeated by the cheapest sort of subterfuge and elusion." After citing a number of wonderful cures obtained by Mrs. Eddy and other Christian Scientists, he asks: "Who are the people that have been cured? What are their names? Where do they live? How can they be found? Will Mrs. Eddy and her followers submit these cases for a scientific examination? I and other investigators are asking, and have for years been asking, these questions. We are still awaiting answers."

CONCLUSION OF SCIENCE. After a consideration of the claims advanced by the sect and the verdict of reputable physicians, the writer concludes his article in these words: "Hence the practical if not the unanimous conclusion of science on this question is, first, that the

altar in great numbers in every church in the archdiocese, to offer a Holy Communion for the Archbishop and the needs which press upon him, while by a happy suggestion all those who do so will send a word of reverent and sympathetic congratulation to His Grace, to greet him on his return from the glorious pilgrimage to Compostella.

DECORATIONS FOR OFFICERS. Another echo of the Eucharistic Congress comes from the gracious intimation given by His Majesty that two Chief Inspectors of Police in various parts of the Metropolis Supts. Wells and Boxhall, may wear in future, whilst on duty, and upon State occasions, the decorations conferred upon each by His Holiness the Pope in recognition of their fine services on the occasion of the two processions through the streets last September—that of the children on Saturday, and that of the Cardinals and prelates on the ever memorable Sunday. It is quite safe to say that despite the threats of the bravos of the Protestant Alliance, there would have been no bloodshed had the procession been allowed to proceed as at first sanctioned. There were five thousand police in reserve who were never called into action, in addition to the large force guarding the streets, and a large proportion of the London police force are, curiously enough, drawn from that terribly lawless country, Ireland, so that these guardians of the peace would in many cases have shed the last drop of their own blood rather than affront or injury should come to Him, Who had. He passed by, might have sent the old call into the hearts of the unbelievers of this mighty city. "Follow Me." PILGRIM.

BUILD NEW CHURCH ON ANCIENT SITE.

THE FAMOUS DUBH-REGLES.

St. Columbkille Said Mass Thirteen Hundred Years Ago at Long Tower.

Amidst a scene of almost unparalleled impressiveness, the solemn dedication and reopening of the historic Long Tower Church took place at Derry. The dedication ceremony was performed by his Eminence Cardinal Logue, and the sermon of the day, an eloquent and moving panegyric of Saint Columbkille, was preached by the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe. The precincts of the beautiful temple were crowded by a mass of people anxious to be present at this unique festival, which was at once devotional and historical, and which crowns the great and noble work to which the Very Rev. W. Doherty, Adm., has devoted such untiring zeal; for the church is in truth and in fact worthy of the place, of its purpose, and its name. Thirteen hundred and sixty-three years have passed since Ireland's great Saint, Columbkille, then 25 years of age, offered the first Mass, in the summer of 546, on the Long Tower site.

BLACK ABBEY CHURCH. There he built his Dubh-Regles or Black Abbey church. Though no doubt that church was first of wood, it was subsequently rebuilt of stone, and from various evidences it is perfectly clear that it lay within the ground occupied by the present building. Manuscript maps of the 17th century, and Manus O'Donnell's description of his pilgrimage to it in 1720, locate it precisely enough. But the discovery of the foundation within the present church, and continuing outside past the Calvary, leaves no doubt whatever as to its exact position. Following in Columba's footsteps came many saints whose dust now mingles with the churchyard clay. Colgan, the great Irish hagiologist, himself a native of Glenties, or at least of the Carradagh district, commemorates forty-two saints whose names figure on the Irish calendar, and who were connected with or are buried in the Long Tower.

A GRACEFUL PLAN. The principal of these are commemorated in the mosaic lunettes which surmount the seven entrance doors. On entering from the main door the eye is attracted, the mind astonished, by the strength and grace of the plan, the elaborate beauty of the sculptural detail, the carved ceiling full of shadows and deep corners, the sweeping galleries and the wall spaces, as in the Romanesque design, all wrought with ornament and paintings, incrusting with mosaics and adorned at intervals with shrines and niches set in marbles filled with alabaster statues of saints and martyrs. Over the High Altar (which is surmounted by a fine copy of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper) rises the outline of the great Romanesque arch.

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CLAIMS NOT TRUE.

In regard to these extraordinary cures of Christian Science there is little to merit one's consideration. For of what value is a statement declaring the cure of cancer, of ulcer, in the stomach, when there has been absolutely no medical diagnosis? Of what weight are reports, the accuracy and completeness of which may, with good reason, be questioned? What estimate is to be put on the conduct of that sect which flinches from the light of a fair and open investigation of its claims? None at all, except that which justifies us in concluding that its claims are not true.

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