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HOME RULE.

The Education Question Used as a Pretext to Injure the Cause.

A United Press special cable letter of last week deals as follows with the Irish situation:

Mr. Justin McCarthy, the leader of the anti-Parnellite section of the Irish Parliamentary Party, delivered a speech at Walthamstow last Tuesday in which he definitely committed that party to support the Tory schemes for sectarian education. Since then the disposition of the Liberals to throw Home Rule for Ireland overboard has become more decided. Mr. McCarthy obviously expects to obtain a pact with the government under which a Roman Catholic university will be established in Ireland, besides satisfying the Roman Catholic clerical in England by assisting to pass a measure that they have long desired. No policy could more absolutely alienate the sympathies of the Liberals. The Speaker asks if the Irish realize the fact that by thus attacking their English allies on a purely English question they will find it more difficult than ever to heal the breach. Already a distinguished Radical member of the late Parliament who was a most pronounced and ardent Home Ruler, has retired from an important honorary post held by him in the English Home Rule Union owing to his disgust with the Irish members for going over bodily to the enemy, not on an Irish but on an English question.

The Methodist Times the recognized organ of the Methodist Liberals, declares that if the Irish members of the House of Commons swell the majority following the Archbishop of Canterbury, Home Rule will pass out of the range of practical politics. These warnings, however true they may be, will not deter the Irish from obeying the orders of their clerical advisers, and all will move in consonance with the general Catholic movement. Many Liberals will now get quit of Home Rule with a general feeling of relief and will aspire to consolidate the party on the old lines that will be acceptable to the Duke of Devonshire, president of the Council; Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary; Lord James, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and other Unionists who are certain to refuse to follow Lord Salisbury if he attempts to gratify the Anglican clericals by an extension of the state grants to sectarian schools.

The Conservative newspapers deny that there is a difference of opinion in the cabinet on the education question, and the denial is partly true, for the reason that a definite measure is not yet before the cabinet, but it is an open secret that the Duke of Devonshire, Mr. Chamberlain and Sir John Gorst, vice-president of the committee of the Council, are opposed to Lord Salisbury's tentative proposals Mr. Chamberlain's organ, the Birmingham Post, says he has clearly ranged himself with the Duke of Devonshire against the Prime Minister.

[It will suffice to attentively read the foregoing and to note the various anti-Home Rule sources whence it all comes, to show how desperate are the efforts now being made to discredit the Irish Parliamentary Party and to injure the chances of ultimate justice to Ireland.—Ed. T.W.]

C. M. B. A.

At a very large and enthusiastic meeting of Branch 1, their annual election of officers resulted as follows:—The retiring president, W. J. Innes, becomes chancellor; P. F. McCaffrey, president; J. McLaughlin, 1st vice-president; P. Morning, 2nd vice-president; F. C. Lawlor, recording and corresponding secretary; re-elected; L. F. McGrail, assistant; W. J. Scullion, financial secretary, re-elected; T. J. White, treasurer, re-elected; L. Enmond, marshal; S. McKenna, guard. Board of Trustees—J. Hamilton, J. Tierney, J. Kenchan, F. Flood, T. J. McCann. This branch has just initiated four new members and received one by withdrawal card from Farmham, Que., and had one application read and referred to Board of Trustees for investigation. The financial secretary's books show a membership of 140, and the branch is certainly doing splendid. The sympathy of the branch was extended to Bro. T. Coggins on the death of his father. The imposing ceremony of installation of the officers elect will take place at meeting on 18th January, 1896, when visiting brothers from sister branches will be present.

St. Patrick's Catechism Class.

On Sunday afternoon took place the semi-annual competition between the pupils belonging to the Deharbe Department of St. Patrick's parochial catechism. After a most severe examination, which lasted one hour and a half, twelve boys and seventeen girls remained standing. The boys were: Charles O'Brien, Thomas Power, Joseph O'Reilly, John O'Neil, Frank Callaghan, Aza Girard, William Pang, Robert Quigley, Daniel Daly, Joseph Ouellette, Alex. McMillan and Edward Larnieux. The girls were: Edith and Alice Trohey, Bezie Primeau, Mary Kenny, Katie Ward, Maggie Maloney, Sarah Stafford, Katie Hargerty, Ann Howard, Isabella O'Neil, Hatie Flanagan, Mary Dobby, Nellie Quigley, Ann Howard, Sarah and Mary Kelly, and Winnie McGowan. Several priests were present.

Retreat for the Ladies of St. Mary's.

Rev. Father Klaunder, C.S.S.R. of Brooklyn, N.Y., opened a week's retreat for all the married and single ladies of St. Mary's parish on Sunday evening at

7.30 o'clock. The Vespers of the day took place at 3 p.m., so as to leave the evening entirely free for the opening exercises, which consisted of the recitation of the beads, sermon and benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. The week day exercises will take place as follows: Masses at 5.30 and 8 o'clock, every morning, with short instructions; Way of the Cross every afternoon at 3 o'clock, and recitation of the beads; sermon and benediction at 7.30 p.m. Father Klaunder is a distinguished preacher, and a favorite missionary. Mr. Jas. Wilson, organist, assisted by prominent lady singers, furnished the music and singing during the retreat.

"THE FUR HUNTER."

The Catholic Truth Society's Lecture Series.

A general invitation, to ladies and gentlemen, is extended by the Catholic Truth Society, to attend, on Friday evening next, in the hall of the Gesù, the first lecture of the season's series. On Friday, Rev. Father Devine, S.J., spiritual director of the society, will deliver a lecture on "The Fur Hunter," in which he will give many interesting personal experiences in the wild woods. Missionary life has furnished Father Devine with immense material that he has woven into instructive and interesting narrative. A large audience is expected to attend.

HIS FIRST MASS.

The Rev. J. McInerney will celebrate his first Mass on next Sunday, in St. Patrick's Church. It is expected that a great number of the Rev. gentleman's friends will attend. There are always special graces attached to the first Mass of a priest.

St. Ann's Retreat.

The closing exercises of a most successful mission took place on Sunday evening last in St. Ann's Church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Wissel, C.S.S.R.; it was an eloquent appeal to all present to profit by the instructions and devotions of the closing retreat. After the sermon solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament took place. The singing consisted of Azolle's "Te Deum;" a "Sanctus" from Fauconnier's Messe de Noel; Mr. M. Mul-larkey soloist; Cherubin's "Ave Maria," by Mr. T. C. Emblem; Riga's "Tantum Ergo;" and Gounod's "Ave Domini-num." Mr. P. J. Shea, who presided with his accustomed talent at the organ, played a stirring and sublime march, "Three Kings." The choir was composed of seventy voices, led by Mr. J. Morgan. The closing was a grand conclusion to a most successful and profitable mission.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann's Parish.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann's will have a Solemn Requiem Mass celebrated for their late members and benefactors; on Thursday, the 19th, at 7 o'clock, for the late Henry J. Kavanagh; and on Friday, 20th, at 7, for the late Hon. Edward Murphy.

At the last meeting several cases of destitution were reported. Some industrious and sober men were unable, during the summer, to earn enough to support their families, and the winter makes it worse. In one house there were met by the visiting gentleman, eight children scarcely clad. The coke had just arrived, and when the mother had lit the fire they stood around the stove, said the reporter. Old clothes are wanted; any gift of the kind will be thankfully received at 32 Basin street, or 11 St. Thomas street, or by any of the members.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE LAST YEAR.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenses, listing items like Balance, Conference collection, Donations, and Rent, with corresponding monetary values.

WM. DALY, Treasurer.

One Cent City Postage Again Agitated.

The council of the Board of Trade met last week for their regular monthly meeting, Mr. J. A. Cantlie, the president, presiding. The other members present were: Messrs. John McKerrow, Charles F. Smith, L. I. Boivin, J. T. McBride, David McFarlane, W. McNally, Henry Miles, Arch. Nicol, Jas. B. Rendall, David Robertson and G. F. C. Smith. The rate of postage on city letters was again brought up. In May last the council petitioned the Government to reduce the rate of postage on city letters from two to one cent per ounce.

In Aid of the Poor.

A grand social service under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul Society was held in the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Mount Royal Avenue, on Sunday

evening, in aid of the poor of that locality. Archbishop Fabre officiated, and Rev. Father Rondeau, Order of St. Dominique, delivered the sermon. Mayor Villeneuve and the alderman of St. Jean Baptiste and St. Denis Wards attended. The choir, under the direction of J. B. Courtois, sang the Gloria of Fauconnier's Easter Mass, Mozart's Magnificat and Riga's Tantum Ergo, all with great orchestral accompaniment. The soloists were: Sopranos, J. B. Drapeau and A. Godon; tenors, Rev. Father Charpentier and T. Vallieres; alto, A. Guibord; basso, O. Hotte and D. Vallieres. Prof. Letor-dal presided at the organ.

RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

Rev. Pere Jean, superior-general of the Cistercians, abbot of Fontfroide, died recently near Narbonne, aged 80.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Gleason, V. G. of the diocese of Buffalo, died on the 2nd. Father Gleason was 72 years of age and was born in Ireland.

John Maloney, the attorney-general of Illinois, who has waged relentless war upon trusts and swindling associations is a devout Catholic.

The Catholic Citizen says there are less than seven per cent. of the Milwaukee saloon-keepers Irish or Irish American and thirteen per cent. of the lawyers.

Cardinal Langenieux, Archbishop of Rheims, has placed the archbishop of Benson, near Chantillon-sur-Marne, at the disposal of the African missionaries known as "The White Fathers." It is their school of theology and they have eighty students.

Mr. John Mackay, the Irish-American millionaire, is about to erect a magnificent statue to Joan of Arc in one of the chief squares of Nancy, which town was visited in 1429 by the redoubtable Maid of Orleans.

The Catholic Church, Ely place, Holborn, London, England, has under the altar "a small portion of the incorruptible hand of St. Etheldreda." The hand was discovered 100 years ago in an ancient farmhouse on the Duke of Norfolk's estate.

The Catholics of Germany have been accustomed to celebrate a day of "penance and prayer" every year. Formerly a different day was observed in each diocese. Now, however, the Holy Father has appointed the Wednesday before the first Sunday in Advent as the date for the whole empire.

Madame Mortara, mother of the famous Father Mortara, whose baptism by a Christian servant caused such a controversy in Europe, died recently at Florence. Father Mortara hastened to Florence, but was too late to receive his mother's last sigh. Madame Mortara died a member of the Jewish religion.

Although the Religious Garb Bill is a law in Pennsylvania it is not enforced against Dunkards, Quakers and other peculiar people employed in the public schools in that State. It is used only against Catholics. This is unjust, good citizenship, respect for law and loyalty to American institutions as understood by the A. P. A.

A despatch to the New York Sun, dated Rome, November 19, states that the Sultan of Turkey, through Mgr. Azarian, Catholic Armenian Patriarch at Constantinople, has made another appeal to the Pope for the intervention of the Vatican in an effort for the pacification of Armenia.

A most pathetic funeral was recently witnessed at Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn. It consisted of six hearse bearing the bodies of a whole family who were suffocated in their rooms during a fire. They were Charles Ryan, his wife, three children and a niece. The father was born in Tipperary, Ireland, but had lived in Brooklyn many years.

IN SHORTS' BEHALF.

The People of Waterford, Ireland, Send Many Petitions to Ottawa.

The greatest interest is being taken in the case of Valentine Shortis by the people of Waterford, Ireland, and petitions asking the Governor-General-in-Council to commute the death sentence, on the ground of insanity, have been received from over one thousand citizens of Waterford, the Corporation of Waterford, the Waterford Harbor Board, the Waterford Chamber of Commerce, the Waterford Poor Law Guardians, the Governors of the Waterford District Lunatic Asylum, the Joint Commission of the Grand Jury of Waterford, the Catholic and Protestant Bishops of Waterford and Lismore, the Protestant Bishops of Cashel, Emly, Waterford and Lismore, the Roman Catholic clergy and various religious orders in Waterford, the clergy of all Protestant dissenting congregations in Waterford, Sir Robt. J. Powell, Bart.; C. E. Denny, High Sheriff of Waterford County; H. L. Ward, High Sheriff of Waterford City, the Justices of the Peace, all the bankers of Waterford, the Crown Solicitor and the other barristers residing in Waterford, and eighteen members of the Waterford medical profession.

The statement that an English-speaking member of the Society of Jesus had been selected to go to Baghdad, to

attend to the spiritual needs of the prisoner Shortis was confirmed on last Wednesday morning, when it was learned at the college that the Rev. Father Devine, a member of the order, well known in Montreal, had been sent out by the superior. The Reverend gentleman has already had one interview with the condemned man, and spent the whole of that and the next day with him.

THE HISTORIAN FROUDE.

Mr. W. S. Lilly's Remarks on the Writings of the Unhistorical Historian.

Mr. W. S. Lilly, writing in the Nineteenth Century, says of Mr. Froude:—"I take it that he may properly be ranked among the greatest masters of word-painting in the English language. There are passages in his writings—for example, his account of the judicial murder of Sir Thomas More, or of the destruction of the French and Spanish floating batteries before Gibraltar—which have seldom been surpassed in splendor of diction and dramatic power. But here, all the praise that can be honestly bestowed upon him ends. He was incapable of critically investigating facts. Nay, he is incapable, congenitally incapable, I believe, even of correctly stating them. A less judicial mind probably never existed. There is hardly a page of his which is not deformed by passion, prejudice, and paradox. He is everywhere an advocate, and an utterly unscrupulous advocate. His predecessor in the Chair of Modern History at Oxford once said:—"When we have read Mr. Froude's account of any matter, we know, at all events, one way in which it did not happen." I think this was too strongly said. According to St. Thomas Aquinas, the father of lies himself sometimes tells the truth:—"Interdum diabolus veritatem loquitur." I would put the matter somewhat differently. It has happened to me, in the course of my own poor historical studies, to go over much of the ground trodden by Mr. Froude. And the conclusion to which I was long ago led is that it is never safe to accept any statement upon Mr. Froude's mere word. It is, however, only lately that my eyes were open to the full extent of what is euphemistically called his inaccuracy. In the autumn of last year his book on Erasmus reached me. On turning over its fascinating pages I was much taken aback by some of the things attributed to the great humanist in the 'abbreviated translations' of his letters. I chanced at the time to be myself deep in Erasmus, an author whom I have for some years carefully and closely studied; and the folios of the Leyden edition of his works lay before me. I proceeded to compare Mr. Froude's 'abbreviated translations' with the original, and, I confess, the result transcended my expectations. I found, in well nigh every page, distortions, more or less gross—sometimes very gross—of Erasmus's meaning; things attributed to him directly contrary to what he really wrote; things of which the Latin presents no trace at all. What is the explanation of this irrational devotion to 'the thing that is not'? In the Catechism of the Council of Trent, mendacity is described as 'a disease of the mind generally incurable.' I believe that with some persons this disease is congenital, just as kleptomania is with others. Probably most of us have personally known sufferers from pseudo-mania. To take an example from fiction, the Rev. Charles Honeyman, in Thackeray's novel, appears to have been thus afflicted. 'Charles,' said Fred Bayham, 'you had, even from your youth up, a villainous habit; it's my belief you'd rather lie than not.' I once heard of a pseudomania who excused himself on the ground that he did not care to plagiarize from fact. I do not know whether Mr. Froude would have adopted that apology. But certain it is that, like a well-known school of ecclesiastical historians, with whose temper he had much in common, however alien from their beliefs, he preferred to have facts of his own making. Indeed, he confesses as much, with curiously candid cynicism, in what we must, I suppose, regard as his 'Apologia pro Historia Sua.' 'I do not pretend to impartiality.' In a book written with such convictions, the mythical element cannot be wholly wanting."

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in the presence of a large assemblage of the clergy and laity of the surrounding parishes. Among the former present were Canon Cousineau, vice-chancellor; Rev. Fathers Beaudry, Cure of Joliette; Legare, superior of L'Assomption College; Brien, Curé of St. Elizabeth; Huet, Cure of Lavaltrie; Jobin, Manseau and Foucher, C.S.V.; Desjardins, vicar of Ste. Cunegonde, and formerly vicar of Lanoraie; Forest, vicar of Contrecoeur, and Cloutier, vicar of Lanoraie. Rev. Father Legare, superior of L'Assomption College, preached the sermon, taking for his text the words in the Psalms, "Vox Domini in virtute, vox Domini in magnificentia." The sermon was a very able effort.

Ecclesiastical Appointments.

Mgr. P. LaRoque, of Sherbrooke, has been pleased to appoint Rev. Luc Costinguy, Vicar of Magog, to be parish priest of St. Edmond d'Estman, replacing Rev. P. Z. Celinas, who returns to the Archdiocese of Montreal. Some 27 of the pupils of Sherbrooke seminary have been received into the Congregation of Mary.

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TURKISH BRUTALITY.

A Terrible Story Told in London By A Refugee.

The Daily News publishes a statement on oath made in London by an Armenian named Aslanian, who was sent to New York by the Anglo-Armenian Association. Aslanian said that he lived in America formerly and that he left New York in the beginning of September to rejoin his wife. On his arrival in Constantinople he was thrown into prison, although he had a regular passport. While there, which was during the recent disturbance, he witnessed a horrible scene, hundreds of Armenians being brought into the prison and deliberately killed. Aslanian said further that the prisoners were wounded by rifle bullets and bayonets by the soldiers under the orders of the officers. This continued for forty-eight hours. He believes that 300 people were killed and 500 wounded in that time.

The women and relatives, who were weeping and imploring at the gates for permission to see their husbands and sons, were roughly repulsed by the soldiers. On the following day Aslanian was put in irons and was catinched regarding his supposed associates, who had come from America, for revolutionary purposes. Upon pleading ignorance of this he was tortured with a truncheon, beaten upon the shoulders, thighs and legs, causing great agony. This was repeated on several different occasions. He was placed in solitary confinement for a fortnight, and other prisoners were similarly treated. When the delegates from the embassies came to inspect the prison they displayed the marks of their beating, "but," Aslanian continued, "feeling vengeance, I said they were due to rheumatism, and begged for my release. Four days later I was liberated."

The representative of the United Press in Constantinople telegraphing under yesterday's date says that a number of Turks on Wednesday night broke into an Armenian church at Hisar, near Robert College, and stole all the silver vessels and ornaments.

MISSIONARIES SAFE.

The following letter was received in Boston from an American in Constantinople last week:—"The missionaries are safe in all the devastated provinces. Yet it seems heartless to rejoice over their safety amid the grieving thousands who are bereft on every side. On order of the Government, or at least, the Sultan, the Kurds have gone to Samsun and destroyed all houses and other property so carefully provided by the Relief Committee, and have killed or scattered all the wretched survivors of the Samsun massacre. The question of relief to these people in all the provinces is a great and most difficult one.

Even if the money comes in the means of getting it to the people are impossible to find. It cannot be trusted to the posts in any large amount, for the Turks will be certain to send men to rob the posts as soon as they find out what is being done. It cannot be sent on by draft, because the bankers are all stripped and dependent for their daily bread. Even the Armenian Patriarchs have had extreme difficulty in forwarding money that they wish to send to some of the interior towns. The intention of the Government here is to prevent aid if possible and to have the greater leverage to force the Christians to become Mohammedans. The Powers are agreed only on the point of using not more than moral suasion. Force would bring the Powers all by the ears, and they regard European war that would result as so terrible an evil that they will not do anything that will open the risk. They are doing everything they can in the way of threats and advice. The ambassadors are trying to save Van, and the Turks have promised to do so, by the despatch of troops in its defence."

Hon. Edward Blake's Patriotism.

LONDON, December 11.—Justin McCarthy said yesterday that Hon. Edward Blake's exertions and generosity have more than once saved the Irish party from literal bankruptcy.

Durant's Execution Fixed.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 11.—The attorney for Theodore Durant moved for a writ of probable cause for order to prevent the prisoner's removal from the county jail to the state prison. The court denied the motion, and subsequently Durant's death-warrant, fixing Friday, February 21, as the date of the execution, was issued.

The mission for men in St. Ann's Church was brought to a close, on Sunday, by a special sermon by Rev. F. Heenan, C.S.S.R. This was followed by the benediction. The organist, Mr. P. J. Shea, had prepared a special musical service, in which the choir was assisted by the following:—Professors Wallace, Wilson, Sullivan, Laurent, Holland, Quiveron, Arless, O'Donnell, Allan, and others.

The cadets of St. Mary's College gave a successful military, dramatic and musical entertainment in the Academy Hall last Thursday evening. There was a large audience, and the efforts of the students were most successful. The programme included manual and firing exercise by No. 4 Company, physical drill and bayonet exercise by No. 2, bayonet exercise by the youngest pupils. The remainder of the programme included recitations, music and a drama entitled the "Thirty Sons of Monsieur Marquis."