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THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1906.

DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS.

The annual indictment of the population of Ontario by the compilers of the vanishing birth-rate of that province has been emphasized during the past week by Dr. Hodgetts, the medical official in charge of the work. The slaughter of children increases in an appalling way. It is not prevention alone; it is positive, deadly murder that is widespread in practice west of the Ottawa river.

Read what Dr. Hodgetts says: "I cannot but express the opinion that if all the still-births were registered the figures would be greatly in excess of those given, and if it were possible to give in statistical form the number of criminal operations that have occurred in the same period of time, we would have figures which would be somewhat astounding to the general public. But what does this aggregation of figures mean? Is this loss to be ascribed to natural causes alone—have all these precious lives been lost to this one Province of the Dominion through physical defects of constitution or functional diseases on the part of parents, or through mere inanition of their offspring? I would that I could confidently say it were so, but knowing something of what I may call the social degeneracy of the present day, it is in my opinion time that this board directed public attention to the facts and suggested some means whereby the growing evils surrounding the marital relations were brought more prominently before the public, and our men and women taught their duties each to the other, and both to the State in respect to their offspring.

"It is time we reverted to the old-time idea, that the destruction of the young life at no matter what stage in its development except for well-grounded reasons results disastrously to the mother, and is as criminal on the part of those who participate in it as it is demoralizing to our social life. If the Canadian race of women were rickety and destitute in character, as are many of the women found in the crowded and poor centres of Europe, there might be some excuse for this silent slaughter of the innocents, but, in my opinion, such extenuating circumstances cannot be generally advanced, hence it is with feelings of regret I direct the attention of this board to the facts just submitted—with the hope, however, that in directing public notice thereto something may be done to correct this evil with a malignance as subtle and yet as certain in its results and as fatal as any disease known to the physician or surgeon, and what is still worse, demoralizing to the State.

"The evidence of this modern slaughter of the innocents becomes apparent from time to time. As the coral reef in the ocean indicates the silent work of the coral insect, so the finding of the dead body of a newly-born infant in some out of the

way place or the many instances of infanticide unearthed by the police are but the outcropping of this social evil. This is the so-called criminal side of the question—the least extensive. The perpetrator of each such offence is denounced by society, the press and the public, and hunted by the police. But what will we say of the respectable (?), the non-criminal cases which constitute an unnumbered roll and coupled together with the destruction of human embryonic life, which to-day is freely and indifferently indulged in by all classes of the community, an evil hydra-headed in character, greater than the drink question and more far-reaching in its effects than all other social evils put together; one claiming the attention of the pulpit, the press, the medical profession and the innumerable societies of men and women having for their object the bettering of mankind—who must without any false modesty meet the evil and deal with it without gloves."

It would be unnecessary to bring home the indictment more directly than the concluding portion of this report brings it to the so-called respectable element of Ontario life. The tragedies that lie hidden beyond the outer curtain of this life are not to be contemplated. The murder of a wife and the suicide of the husband resulted in one case last week as the direct fruit of the hidden crime. Ontario knows these things, but is too respectable to deal with the question without gloves as Dr. Hodgetts would wish.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES.

On June 25 Hon. Edward Blake made another impressive and practical appeal to the House of Commons for fair treatment of the Catholic schools of England. In the main point it was an appeal to the dignity of Parliament and to constitutional principles. He denied wholly and without any qualification that the House of Commons could fulfil its great functions and be equal to its great task if it threw over to the hands of local areas and local educational authorities the task which it deemed itself unequal to, of laying down a general principle for application. It will be borne in mind in Canada that this was the precise point involved in the consideration of the educational clauses of the autonomy bills before the Canadian Parliament, when the Conservative party, under the plea of respect for provincial rights, proposed to throw over upon the local authority a task which in former occasions had proved vexatious and troublesome at Ottawa. Mr. Blake averred that no greater humiliation could be put upon itself by Parliament than that it should abdicate its functions by determining principles, and then proceed to arrange the limitations, the exceptions and conditions of admission. The principle should be placed beyond the power of the local authority. That was the legislative work of Parliament.

How true this logic, and how determinedly and justly was it adhered to by our Canadian Government. In a word, when Parliament declares for religious freedom, it should settle the question once for all.

No wonder that the admiration of Englishmen is challenged by the stand of the Irish Parliamentary Party for this great principle in connection with the English Education Bill. The Bishop of Newport, Most Rev. Dr. Hedley, in a pastoral letter to his flock, thus refers to the present aspect of affairs:

"As I write the prospects of our Catholic schools are still very dark and uncertain. Of one thing there is no doubt, that the loud and unanimous protests of the Catholic body against the present Bill have produced a decided effect, both on the members of Parliament and on responsible Ministers. We must keep up and maintain our attitude of 'no compromise in essentials.' It is a pity that the great Liberal party, with whom so many of our Catholic people would like to agree, cannot be made to see that genuine religious conviction can never be neglected with impunity in any political settlement. We have to thank the gallant Irish Party in the House of Commons for their strong, careful, and statesmanlike support of the Catholic cause in this vital educational struggle."

The principles of Liberalism as expounded by Hon. Edward Blake appear to be understood best to-day in the British House of Commons by the Irish Party.

APPEAL OF A STRUGGLING MISSION.

In another part of our paper is found an appeal from Rev. Father H. W. Gray of Norfolk, England, on behalf of a mission in which the Holy Sacrifice is offered in a garret, and in keeping with this, poverty reigns supreme in the surrounding atmosphere. While the appeal is to the general charitable public, the clients of St. Anthony of Padua seem the particular beacon to which Father Gray turns with eyes full of faith and hope. That some may be moved to answer the call will not surprise us, for though the ocean rolls between, yet are the children of the Church everywhere members of the same family, and the knowledge that one has helped in removing the dwelling place of the Lord from a garret into a temple even somewhat more worthy, would surely in itself be recompense sufficient for the charitable giver.

A SECOND AMERICAN CARDINAL

The report is now considered well-founded in Rome that the important question of a second American Cardinal is to be settled at the next Consistory, when the Archbishop of New York will be raised to the dignity of the Cardinalate. It has long been expected that a second Cardinal would be given to the United States, and the present reports from the Eternal City harmonize well with Catholic anticipation on this side of the Atlantic.

Canadian Catholics will feel interested in the prompt repudiation of a reckless tale which has been invented in Paris, and which tells that the Cardinal Secretary of State is to be put down from his seat, and that Cardinal Rampolla is to be placed in it, and all for the sake of the French Government. This dream was all too extravagant to be believed in at once, so there was a beating about the bush to render it more palatable to the multitude. There is no truth in the statement. The unfortunate thing about all these French wilful falsehoods is that they are the outcome of a system destined to prepare a state of mind in France hostile, or at least unfavorable, to the Pope in his dealings with that country.

OBITUARY.

MR. J. HOWARD.

Mr. James Howard, Sr., a well known and highly esteemed resident of the township of Grattan, died at his home on June 8th, 1906. Mr. Howard was formerly of St. Columban, Que., and was one of a large family of brothers and sisters who are now residing in different parts of the world. He left St. Columban when a young man and settled in Ontario, where happiness and prosperity was the reward of an industrious, honest and upright life. His wife died only a few years ago, leaving a large family of sons and daughters, who are mostly settled around the old homestead.

The funeral, which was one of the largest ever seen in that part, took place to St. James Church, Egansville, thence to St. James Cemetery.

REV. FATHER SIMONET.

The Rev. Father Simonet, O.M.I., superior of the mission of Pointe Bleue, Lake St. John, died on Sunday morning at the presbytery of St. Sauveur, Quebec. He was 76 years old.

They Have Come Back to Erin

Father Hudson, in the Ave Maria, quotes Lacordaire's words, "The monks and the monks are immortal," and the rev. editor adds that when the Benedictines were expelled from Ireland three hundred and fifty years ago, and their ten establishments left to ruin, it must have seemed like the death-knell of the Order in the Emerald Isle. But the sons of St. Benedict have "come back to Erin" after their long exile, and establish near Enniscorthy a monastery and school which in course of time will undoubtedly lead to other foundations.—The Christian Family.

Shamrocks Must Look Sharp.

Lack of condition and cohesion must be held to account for Saturday's disastrous showing of the green shirts against their younger and more agile opponents wearing the uniform of the M.A.A.A. Hard, persistent practice during the entire week will be necessary, if the Shamrocks expect to stave off defeat from the Factory Town bunch on next Saturday.

Hoobin and Paddy Brennan are out of the game for good, while Phil O'Reilly will hardly don a uniform again this season. It was, in the estimation of the oldest followers of the game, a serious mistake to put Hoobin on the field on Saturday. He was not in condition, to begin with, and even if he had been, his place is on the home.

All the same the manner of his exit from the game was one of the most disgraceful pieces of dirty work seen on the lacrosse field. The player responsible for it, should be banished from the company of athletes for such work as he did on this occasion. The man of experience in lacrosse who deliberately lies down to let an opponent fall over him, coming at high speed, is a criminal, and as such should be shunned.

The match was rough throughout. Mr. Pittaway and Mr. Reynolds are both from Ottawa, and they were appointed by the President of the Union, who is also from Ottawa. Capitals are making a big try for the championship, and the referees certainly had no wish to help the Shamrocks. But even at that, they did not always display much friendship for Montreal, for fouls on both sides were passed over, though it seems to the Shamrock supporters that their team got the worst of it.

One regrettable and disgraceful incident among the crowd was the treatment accorded McIlwaine when he was put off the field. Finely dressed "ladies" vied with their escorts in hooting a player who had been removed for a foul that was purely technical and showed no evil disposition on the part of the player, but quite the contrary. The same crowd cheered McLaughlin when he made his murderous motion to put Hoobin out, and again they cheered Strachan, much to that player's disgust, be it said to his credit, when he was put off in the last quarter when he struck little Hogan.

Strachan is a hard, rough player, but it is not his custom to maim a man, especially one smaller than himself, and the blow which so injured young Hogan was clearly an accident.

The Montreal Club executive regretted the hooting incident as deeply as could any of the Shamrocks, and they were not slow in manifesting their feelings on the matter.

Harry Smith's work throughout the game was of the old order. He and Clarry McKerrow, of the Montreal team, did splendid work for their respective teams. Everybody sincerely regretted the occurrence by which Clarry was injured through a collision with Robinson. No injury was intended to him, as he readily admits, and McKerrow is such a gentleman on the field at all times that any person injuring him would make himself unpopular with his own team.

Hennessy was not up to the mark, and no wonder. He started well enough, but the punishment he received from Nolan at the fence before the eastern grand stand was such as to disable the strongest man. The only wonder is that Spike could go on at all.

Johnnie Currie worked hard, as usual, but he did not exercise the usual amount of judgment.

There is a lot of foolish talk among Montreal supporters of having Howard suspended. Howard certainly deserved every penalty imposed upon him last Saturday. Young Scott was plucky and got a lot of bluffs that almost anyone must expect who takes the chances he did against a man of Howard's weight. Howard paid the penalty of his offences, which, while numerous, at no time displayed a brutal inclination.

The experience of last Saturday, as well as the general rough play throughout the two last seasons show the absolute necessity for field captains. Most of the old-timers, who favored the removal of the field captain when the new rule was adopted, are now just as outspoken in favor of restoring that much abused individual.

For next Saturday's match Shamrocks are training Roberts, Brennan

and Redmond, of the intermediates. They should work in well with the present members of the team, and the first vacancy on the home should go to young Roberts, who has played a star game since the opening of the season, and appears altogether fit for senior company.

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MAYO NEWS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Mayo, July 8.—On Tuesday morning, the 28th ult., St. Malachy's Church here was the scene of a happy event, when Mr. Edgar Banning, son of Mr. David Banning, led to the altar Miss May Dunningan, daughter of Mr. James Dunningan, of this place. The heavens had frowned and the clouds shed tears for a couple of days previous, but that morning old Sol rose over the east bright and beautiful, scattering the mists and everywhere leaving bright tokens of the happy life in store for the young couple to be married that day. The ceremony took place at 7.30 in the morning, the bride and groom being assisted by Mr. Dan Dunningan and Mr. Jas. Murphy of Thurso. The pastor, Rev. Father Barrette, officiated. Quite a crowd had collected at the church to witness the solemn making of this sacred contract. After the marriage ceremony the bridal party hastened to the home of the bride's father, where with a number of friends a sumptuous repast was enjoyed. The bride and groom were the recipients of many presents as marks of the esteem in which they were held in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. Banning left on the noon train for Ottawa. We wish them a long and happy life.

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On the morning of the 28th, the sun shone bright and beautiful over the hills and vales of Mayo, which made our picnic grove a picturesque spot, and the flags flying gayly gave an appearance of mirth to the place. The tables were magnificently arranged, as those present can vouch for. The ladies deserve special credit for the way they worked. As in the past, the booths were well conducted. We are not yet aware of the total profits made, but are assured that it will prove satisfactory. To the people of Buckingham and Thurso and other strangers that may have been there, we offer our sincere thanks for their attendance. To our worthy pastor, Rev. Father Barrette, and the ladies and gentlemen, old and young, of Mayo, is due much praise for the way they conducted their picnic.

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A very pretty wedding took place in St. Malachy's Church on Wednesday morning, when Miss Kate Murphy, daughter of Mr. Ed. Murphy, was united in marriage to Mr. Fred. Miller, of Mulgrave. Rev. Father Barrette performed the ceremony. It was witnessed by a number of friends. We wish the newly wedded pair much happiness.

Correspondence.

TOLERATION.

To the Editor of the True Witness: Sir,—The people of Montreal were highly complimented for not interfering with the Orange procession last Sunday, as the Rev. Mr. Doudiet said in his sermon. Orangemen, he said, were pelted only in bigoted and ignorant places. It is to be hoped that he will always respect the Catholics of Quebec, and Montreal in particular, for being so tolerant to his brethren and himself.

M. J.

Montreal, July 11, 1906.

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But outside help is, evidently, necessary. Will it be forthcoming? I have noticed how willingly the OLIENTS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA readily come to the assistance of poor, struggling Priests. May I not hope that they will, too, cast a sympathetic and pitying eye upon me in my struggle to establish an outpost of the Catholic Faith in this concerned—barren region? May I not hope, good reader, that you, in your zeal for the progress of that Faith, will extend a helping hand to me? I cry to you with all earnestness to come to my assistance. You may not be able to do much; but you CAN DO A LITTLE. Do that little which is in your power, for God's sake, and with the other "littles" that are done I shall be able to establish this new Mission firmly.

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Dr. James L. Devlin, D.D., Staten Island, son of Dr. Devlin, of this city, has pointed physician to the department in Richmond, ing his student days Dr. well known in Montreal.

REV. FATHER KAVANAGH LECTURE.

The Rev. Father Kavanagh, M.A., B.Sc., of Loyola, late of Stonyhurst, Ontario, will deliver two lectures on solar phenomena, on July 30-31.

PROMINENT COLONIZATIONARY.

The Rev. Father Paré, known colonization priest, that the recent discovery of Lake Opatistia, north of Lake Huron, is simply a slight in the Canadian gold wealth from that region to the brador. He is convinced have in the Province of rich gold mines as the Transvaal, the only difficulty that they are almost in

CHURCH DIGNITARY BENCH.

The Sole reports quit incident said to have taken during the last term of the Court at Fraserville. V. Langis, of the diocese of having been summoned in a certain case, was in presiding judge, Mr. Justice to take a seat by his side bench, and it was there that he gave his evidence. T. giving the news adds, "T. cedent in our judicial arena believe that it deserves public for the future his province."

CANON DAUTH ELECTED DENT OF R.C. SCHOOLS.

At a short meeting of School Commissioners last, the Rev. Canon Dauth was elected president in the place of Rev. Abbe Troie, resigning. P. G. Martineau, K.C., a Piche, M.P., were named the statutes of the commission. The Rev. Canon Dauth will co-operate with them.

New tenders were presented for the annex to the O. The lowest was for \$57,100. The highest \$60,885. The Board then adjourned second Tuesday in September.

DR. O'BOYLE LEAVING.

(From Ottawa City.) Considerable surprise created at Ottawa University among the friends of that to the transfer of Rev. to British Columbia. The gentleman has received from the Oblate Order to the western jurisdiction leave within a week. The by the transfer, loses one talented professors, Father in addition to being secretary of the board of science. The fact that there has been a loss of Irish professorship university makes the loss keenly felt among the people. It recalls the