



THE POPE SPEAKS.

Duties of Christian Citizens.

ENCYCICAL LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS LEO XIII.

TO OUR VENERABLE BROTHERS, THE PATRIARCHS, PRIMATE, ARCHBISHOPS, BISHOPS, AND OTHER ORDINARIES IN PEACE AND COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SEE.

LEO XIII., POPE.

Venerable Brethren, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

It seems to be more necessary every day that the precepts of Christian wisdom should be recalled, and that the life, manners and institutions of the people should be made conformable to them.

Now the same is to be understood of domestic and civil society as of individual men. For nature did not institute society that man might regard it as his end, but that it and through it he should find satisfaction for his own perfection.

But States themselves and Governments cannot long remain safe, because when Christian institutions and morals fall away the principal foundations of human society must necessarily crumble.

It cannot be doubted that in actual life the duties of Catholics are more numerous and greater than the duties of those who have not a proper grasp of the Catholic faith or are altogether devoid of it.

very fact subject to the Church, his mother and a member of the highest and most holy society which it is the special office of the Roman Pontiff to govern with full power, under Jesus Christ, its invisible head.

Now, if the natural law ordains that we should love and protect with particular affection the land in which we were born and reared—should do this in such a manner that the good citizen should not hesitate to face death for his fatherland—with greater reason ought Christians to be animated with similar sentiments towards the Church.

And this duty of love which we owe to the Church is not limited to the land in which we were born, but extends to the universal Church, the mother and mistress of all Christians.

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The Late Father O'Hagarty.

Among the many who have been called away by death within the last few months, quite a number have been summoned from the ranks of our clergy.

was the late pastor of St. Mary's Church, St. Catherine, Ont., Rev. Chas. J. O'Hagarty, who has passed away after a brief illness in the full bloom of his manhood and while actively engaged in the duties of his sacred calling.

The lamented priest, well known in Montreal, where he was born thirty-five years ago. When a mere boy, evincing a great aptitude for study and a marked preference for the ecclesiastical state, at the bidding of his uncle, the late Rev. Wm. O'Hagarty, most worthy member of the Irish clergy, he proceeded to Ireland, thence to Rome, to pursue the study of the classics.

The Parnell Commission. LONDON, Feb. 15.—All of the Ministers were present at the Cabinet meeting which was held this afternoon, and the session was unusually long.

pot-luck in a Palace. LONDON, Feb. 15.—Court gossip says that the quarrel between Queen Victoria and her son-in-law, Prince Henry of Battenberg, has broken out afresh with renewed violence.

1840-1890. GOLDEN JUBILEE OF St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society. GRAND RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL CELEBRATION.

SISTER SOCIETIES SHOW INTEREST IN THE EVENT.

Rev. Father McCallen on Temperance.

Sunday last will ever remain a red-letter day in the annals of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society. It was the golden jubilee of the temperance movement begun by Rev. Father Phelan, S.S., (afterwards Bishop of Kingston) fifty years ago in the old Recollet Church.

Several of the sister societies showed their interest in the celebration by attending in large numbers. These represented St. Patrick's Society, St. Ann's Temperance Society, St. Gabriel's Temperance Society, Catholic Young Men's Society, St. Ann's Young Men's Society, Leo Club, Irish Catholic Benefit Society, Young Irishmen's L. & B. Association and Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, each of the latter showing up nearly 500 strong.

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Do we not seem to hear him exclaim: "My beloved people, a plague has fallen on you worse than any Egyptian plague,—the plague of Intemperance, which not only affects your bodies, but destroys your minds and hearts and souls as well. Your enemies surround you on all sides. Their cry is not to work, as the countrymen enslaved and impoverished by the tyrant drink."

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