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CARDINAL GIBBONS AND THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR.

Cardinal Gibbons has addressed report on the Knights of Labor to Car-dinal Simeoni, giving cogent reasons gainst the condemnation of the order in the United States by the Church. Summing up his argument the Cardinal says that to him it seems plain that the Holy See cannot entertain the proposal to condemn the association :

1. Because such a condemnation does not appear to be justified either by the letter or by the spirit of its constitution, of its laws or by the declarations of its

2. That such a condemnation does not

2. That such a condemnation does not appear necessary in view of the transient form of the organization and of the social condition of the United States. 3. That it would not be prudent, on account of the reality of the wrongs of the workingmen and the fact that the existence of such is admitted by the American public

American public. 4. That it would be dangerous to the reputation of the church in our demo-cratic country. 5. That it would be powerless to com-pel the obedience of our Catholic work-ingmen, who would regard it as false and injuitous.

6. That it would be destructive instead of beneficial in its effects, forcing the sons of the church to rebel against their mother and to range themselves with condemned societies which they have

itherto avoided. 7. That it would be ruincus to the financial support of the church at home and to the raising of Peter's pence. 8. That it would turn into doubt and

hostility the marked devotion of our people toward the Holy See. 9. That it would be regarded as a

cruel blow to the authority of the bishops of the United States, who, it is well

I trust that the considerations here presented have shown sufficiently clearly that such would be the results of the condemnation of the Knights of Labor condemnation of the Knights of Labor of the United States. Therefore I leave their cause with full confidence in the wisdom and prudence of Your Eminence and of the Holy See.

#### ST. MARY'S CHURCH. HILL STREET.

On last Sunday, in St. Mary's Church, Hill Street, Revd. J. Walsh preached a sermon in aid of the poor visited by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the parish Father Walsh in a beautiful discourse on Father Walsh in a beautiful discourse on charity towards the poor, taking his text from the fourth chapter of Tobias, ex-horted his hearers to perform the obligations of charity imposed upon them by Christ, as no form of worship or sacrifice was more accept able to Him than generosity towards His poor. The preacher showed that Christ while on earth presched charity just as much in his life and by example as He did by His words, and that the Saviour showed in every phase of His life what an interest He took in the tem-poral welfare of His flock. In fact the whole mortal life of the Divine Model was engaged in going about doing

Model was engaged in going about doing good. The choir of St. Mary's under the leadership of the talented organist, Miss M. A. Farrell, rendered the Grand Vespers by Est in a manner that reflected the by Lat in a maintenance in the organist and on themselves. The singing of Miss Ella Murray was as usual of a very high order, her rendering of an "Ave Regina" fully upbolding if not surpassing her wellknown reputation as a singer of merit. Special reference is due where everything was good to the singing of Miss Powers and Miss Pendergast, also to that of Mr. A. Birmingham and J. Durkin. At Benediction of the Blessed Sacra-ment Mrs. J. A. Kilroy of Windsor, sang Millard's Ave Verum in a manner fully sustaining her well known reputa-tion as a finished and most pleasing vocal-lat. We might mention that she also sang Cherubin's "Ave Marie" at High Mass on the same day in a style never surpassed in greatest credit on the organist and on themselves. The singing of Miss Ella the same day in a style never surpassed in this city.

LECTURE IN ORILLIA,

The Orillia News Letter of Feb. 25th thus speaks of Father Hayden's lecture there:—A lecture by Rev. Father Hay

den of Flos was delivered on the evening

of the 17th inst. in the church of the Angels Guardian, on Christian Education.

was large and composed of many of our Protestant fellow-citizens.

of our Protestant fellow citizens. Father Hayden is a gentleman of pleasing exterior, is a -fluent and polished speaker, and after treating his subject from a strictly Catholic stand.

point, the many Protestants present pronounced it oportune and quite applicable to the false notions and

theories of the present age. It is said the rev. gentleman is invited back again

to deliver an address at the forthcom

ing concert which the society purpose

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ant librarian, F. Dowling, jr; conductor, P. Killen; trustees, P. McCarthy and T. Collina. Rev. Wm. Dollard is spiritual director of the Association, The F. M. A. is a live and active body. About one hundred members were present at last night's meeting. The association will celebrate its sixteenth at niversary next weak. week. ENGLISH PARLIAMENT.

In spite of the pressure of a section of the Cabinet in favor of coercion, the Council decided to conclude the cloture debate before the production of the Crimes Bilk. If the first rule of pro-cedure is not passed by Tuesday, Right Hon. Mr. Smith will sek for a continuous sitting until the rule has been passed The Council further decided to restric the Crimes Bill to clauses dealing with the changing of venue of jury trials and megistrates' powers of summary trials and magistrates' powers of summary trials in cases involving sentences of not more than six months. The Ulster Tory pro-posal that boycotting be made punish-able with severe measures was rejected.

Government avoided indicating sums spent on evictions. If the English peo-ple knew how their money was spent they would rise in rebellion against such a system. He was informed that the cost of the Woodford evictions amounted cost of the Woodford evictions amounted to £1,300, while the total amount in dis-pute between the landlord and tenants was only £25. No amount of expenditure would ever suppress the plan of cam-paign or public meetings. He warned the Government that the meetings would continue, and if blood-shed should follow the shame and crime would be on the head of the Government. (Hear, hear.) He had been accused of not denouncing crimes in Ireland. He had done better--he appealed to the people to abstain from

appealed to the people to abstain from crime. It was the action of the Govern ment that led to the commission of out-

guilty knowledge of and complicity in a series of murders in Ireland. The Times

began the series of articles entitled "Parnellism and Crime," with an out-spoken denunciation of the Lergue leaders as having intimate, noto-rious and continuous relations with avowed murderers. One rious and continuous relations with avowed murderers. One passage is as follows: -- "The National League movement is based upon a reheave of assassination, carefully calculscheme of assassination, carefully calcul-ated and coolly applied. Murderers provide their funds; murderers share their inmost counsels; murderers have gone forth from Lesgue offices and set their bloody work afoot." This violence of lappuage pervades the whole attack, which is designed to assist the passage of a Crimes Bill.

BOOK NOTICES.

Benziger Bros., New York, have jist published a very neat volume entitled "St. Joseph the Advocate of Hopeless Cases," Joseph the Advocate of Hopeless Cases, being new accounts of spiritual and tem-poral favors obtained by the all powerful mediation of the glorious patriarch. It is translated from the French by the very Kev. Father Huguet, Marist.

### "The Passion of Jesus Christ."

Messre. Benziger Bros., New York, have just published another volume of the Centenary edition, of the works of St. Alphonsus de Liguori, "The Passion and death of Jesus Christ." The work is edited Rev. Eugene Grimm. Stories by Chas. Kickham. We have received from A. E. & R. E Ford, 17 Barclay street, New York. two volumes of which the late Chas. Kick bam was the author, namely, "Sally Cavanagh," and "For the Old Land." We commend both to our readers as being well worthy perusal. They are of absorbing in crest, and will, we feel sure, meet with rapid sale.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE. There has been a good deal of loud talk indulged in both in Canada and The following letter, which has been sued by the Toronto branch of the Irish National League, speaks for itself. Our countrymen in Canada should at once take energetic steps towards the establishment of organizations of a sim-

ilar character, and thereby render assistance to the men at home who are so bravely battling for the restoration of Ireland's Parliament :

Troind's Fahament: Toronto Branch, February 3, 1887. My DEAR S.R.—We deem this an opportune time to remind you of the existence of a Branch of the Irish National League in this city, and the very grave obligation that remains with every Irishman of aiding and supporting in all nessible ways the work of the in all possible ways the work of the Branch undertaken in the teeth of so many obstacles of a serious nature. The objects of the League have been so fully and brilliantly put forth on two late occasions that a repetition of them at posal that boycotting be made punish-able with severe measures was rejected. In the House of Commons on the 3rd, Mr. Dillon, commenting on the vote of  $\pounds 30,000$  for Irish police, pointed out that the claim was in addition to  $\pounds 62,500$ ling expenses. The greater portion of this money had been spent in endeavor-ing to suppress public meetings and carrying on the work of eviction. The Government avoided indicating sums been subjected to a severe and hostile criticism. To this we can answer, that the lives of our fellow men are of much the lives of our fellow men are of much more importance than the observance of established usages, no matter how sacred or time honored they may be. One other phase of the situation re-mains to be touched upon: that is the arbitrary and unconstitutions! methods employed by the irresponsible Executive at Dublin Castle, which administers the Covernment in the most open defined Government in the most open defiance of the law. So grave has this abuse of power become that their rule has been aptly termed, "Government by Procla-

Our Branch since its inception has busied itself in the education of public opinion in the direction of Home Rule. Fourteen lectures, mostly free, have been ment that led to the commission of out rages. The Parnellites propose to call the attention of the House to articles in the London Times charging Mr. Parnell, Mr. Sexton, Arthur O'Connor and others with guilty knowledge of and complicity in a magnificent demonstrations in whose honor are yet fresh in the public mind. Tae Rev. Dr. Burns of Hamilton, and the Rev. Dr. Pepper of Ohio, well known leaders of Methodust opinion, also lec-tured here, and did much to popularize just views on Irish affairs. It will be seen that we have endeavored to fulfil the ends of our organization from a National standpoint. We have also striven to enrol within our ranks the striver to enfor which our marks the young men of the day, and to some extent may be said to have suc-ceeded. The advantages of a Society of this kind, apart from its more direct aims, need no commendation to recommend it to thoughtful and observ ing men. Much has been done with limited means. Much more can be done if those of us who really have the improvement of our race at heart will

lend us their aid and assistance. This can be done in the first place by sub This scribing the sum of \$1 yearly to the funds of the National league, which entitles you to a card of Membership; and in the you to a card of Membership; and in the second place, by attending and partici-pating at the meetings of our Society. Our Branch meets every Weonesday evening in St. Vincent's Hall, corner of Shutter and Victoria sts. We trust that all Irishmen will attend and show the interest they feel in the National cause.

the United States in reference to the Fisheries question. War and rumors of war have filled the atmosphere. Politi cians with axes and journalists with nothing to grind have discussed the difficulty from the attitudes of a towering self sufficiency, or the depths of a mysterious profundity. Few of the Canadian wiseacres who have attempted discussion of the matter apprehend that the question is one altogether of imperial concern in so far asBritain and Canada are affected, and that by the exigencies of imperial policy alone will it be settled. We are simply a colony of Great Britain, and must bear the consequences of our

position. If Britain on this question strongly insist upon the protection of Canadian rights, and the preservation of Canadian privileges, she will be doing just what is right, and what Canada has reason to expect of her. Any such course will, however, be a departure from her long established custom when colonial interests stand in the way of her imperial policy. All things considered, the N. Y. Tribune's London correspondent takes a rather accurate view of the situation when he writes:

THE FISHERIES DISPUTE.

"Dispatches from America describing

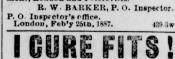
"Dispatches from America describing the progress of the retaliatory measures against Canada are closely scanned here, and though little is said, the feeling at the English foreign office may be and ought to be very plainly stated. Lord Salisbury's action will not be determined by what the Canadians say or do, but by what the American government, Con-gress and the people say or do. The Canadian modus vivendi, receipt of which Sir James Ferguson has acknowledged, may or may not be approved ; but this government looks to Washington, nct to Ottawa. England will, in the opinion of those qualified to judge, give in if she those qualified to judge, give in if she believes we are in earnest, but bluster believes we are in earnest, but oluster will not convince her. Speeches like that of Senator Ingalls are taken here at their true value; and so is the remark able prophecy of Representative Rice of Massachusetts, that America would in case of war, undoubtedly whip Eogland. Such outbursts are criticized as matters of tests and not otherwise. What Lord of taste and not otherwise. What Lord Salisbury respects is the unanimous vote of the House of Representatives for Friday's bill. Congress and the government have only to persevere in the present policy to win. The feeling here for the colonies is strong and this ministry wants no quarrel with Canada, but it wants one still less with America. All the talk about war passes as 'tall talk,' but I believe it certain that firm good sense at Washing ton, backed by public opinion, will carry the day."

The American Government will certainly persevere and persevere unto the end in the assertion of the American THE SEASON OF LENT view of the situation. Secretary Bayard might not of himself care to take a very pronounced attitude against the conten-Lenten Monitor..... Lenten Manuel..... tions of Britain, but a public opinion, as Lenten Manuel Devout Communicant..... Meditations for the Holy Season of angry as it is unanimous, would hurl him from office if he dared contradict the Lent.... Elevation of the Soul to God..... fied by a two-thirds majority in both houses of the Canadian Parliament. The time has come when Canada should exhibit a little manful determination in the assertion of its undoubted rights. The cruel and selfish policy of Britain in regard of Ireland has made us multitudes of enemies in the United States. We have suffered grievous wrongs because of our connection with the England that persists in persecuting Ireland. The ime has come when suffering has ceased to be a virtue. We should talk plainly and firmly to the Mother Country, representing to her that as we have, through no crime of our own, suffered untold injury because of her persistence in wrong doing, we decline any longer to be made the victim of Imperial exigencies and that if she will deny Home Rule to Ireland, she cannot deny it to Canada, which will be satisfied with nothing less than self government in the fullest sense of the term. Self-government we cannot claim to have as long as we are without the privilege of making our own commercial treaties. The Fisheries dispute will, we would fain believe, hasten the concession of this privilege to Canada.



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A SOUND EXPRESSION OF OPIN-ION.

The Ottawa Free Press, in a late issue, ointed out that the construction of the Canadian Pacific railway and the development of its commerce are likely to disturb seriously many of the existing avenues of trade. The Free Press illustrated its opinion by the publication of a special despatch from San Francisco, stating that "the Canadian Pacific railway has completed arrangements with the Cunard Steamship company for the transfer of three of their fastest steamers to the pacific ocean in order to obtain a share of the Shanghai tea-shipments. The Indo Chinese steamship company, a British concern, will co operate with the C. P. R. vessels and meet the Cunarders at Yokohama and transfer cargoes. It is expected the Cunard steamers will leave England via the Suez canal, on April 1st, for Hong Kong, so as to reach China in time to load the new tea crop." Our contemporary concluded with the following honest expression of opinion "While dissenting from the terms of the

contract with the Canadian Pacific com pany, we have never been of those who take a pessimistic view of the future of the Canadian Pacific railroad, and though believing that the terms upon which it was constructed were extravagant-too onerous for the present population of the Dominion, yet hope that the expansion of the country will be sufficiently rapid to lessen those burdens."

Every Canadian, whatever his politics. is proud of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which has made the Canadian Union a reality, and given Canada in the eyes of the world a commercial and political prominence that the British America Act parted.

### CATHOLICISM IN TURKEY.

As an evidence of the vitality of the Caurch in Turkey may be cited the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Conception in Constantinople. A vast crowd, numbering fully six thousand persons, visited the Church of Notre Dame de Lourdes. Among those present were the Spanish ambassador, with all his family, the consul of Spain, members of

the French embassy, and fifteen engineers of the Ottoman imperial school. In the evening at Vespers there was a sermon in French preached by a Lazarist Father, who spoke of the necessity that existed in the Turkish capital for a larger temple of 1867 could never of itself have im that might be frequented by all races to glorify God and His Immaculate Mother.



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