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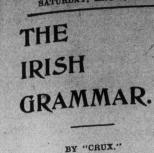
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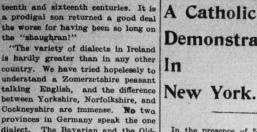
missionaries, when they wish to reduce to a system an G Indian language, is to form as well as they can an expressive alphabet, and then a grammar. Otherwise it would simply be an endless task to attempt to master the primative tongue. As far as the Irish is concerned it has had its alphabet which dates back untold ages -as I will show in a future article. And for its grammar, we have a number of able works upon the ele mentary branch of the language. Some years ago, over half a century at least, a Mr. O'Donovan undertook the task of building up an Irish grammar. He had the name of being the best Celtic scholar of his time. Davis referring to him says: "He is a man eminently cautious; and disposed, from the highest motions, rather against the pretensions of Gaelic literature. His grammar, begun in 1828, has been gradually ripened while he was engaged on the ortho graphy of the Ordnance Survey, and in editing the best and most learned of the publications of the Archaeological Society. It is now published as the class-book, and with guaran-tee of the College of St. Columba. His capacity, disposition, and oppor-

tunities and the circumstances of the publication, will, therefore, place his grammar at once, without ques-tion, at the head of Celtic literature. Another comment thereon:-" The work is quite (shall we not say wonderfully?) free from the vehemen style and sweeping assertions, so of-ten and so mischievously carried ten and so mischevenuy, by from the forum to the study, by

Irish writers. One need not master, nor even a student of the Irish language, to find interest and knowledge in this work. It is no regiment of rules without reason, illustration, or authority, like most grammars. It is a profound and discursive treatise on the pronunciation inflections, structure, and prosody of the most perfect of the Celtic tongues. There is not, we are sure, an antiquarian or philologist in Europe, but will grasp it, as the longwished-for key to facts locked in the obscurity of a language, whose best grammarians had only the dialect of their own parishes, and whose most notable grammars were the work of

pretenders." It is worth quoting the further comments upon this grammar, as it may serve to bring it to the notice of those who are sufficiently interested in the movement to take it up in the schools. 'From the letters of the alphabet

to the rules of versification, every portion of the grammar is argued and illustrated-the argument not frantic speculation on the tongues of Tyre or Babel, but the philosophy of who has weighed the metaphysics of language in Tooke, Mill, and Harris-the illustrations (drawn out of his own and Mr. Curry's reading and experience), extending from the hymns of the early saints, to the



dialect. The Bavarian and the Old-enburger, the Hessian and the Silesian, are as wide from each other in dialect as the Kerryman and the native of Armagh, and the Low Dutch of Holland and the Danish are as HE first steps taken by the far from the pure tongue of Frankfort, as Erse and Manx from the classic speech of Galway.

"By the way, let us pause to give the original authority for the distinctive qualities of provincial speaking, with which we are all familiar in a ruder way:-The Munsterman has the accent

without the propriety. "The Ulsterman has the propriety

without the accent. "The Leinsterman has neither the propriety nor the accent.

"The Connaughman has the accent and the propriety.'

"Mr. O'Donovan gives us a para-phrase of these proverbs, published by Lombard, in his 'DeRegno' in 1632; so that the notion is an old

"But, talking of dialects, it was only since Luther's Bible that Germany began to have a standard language. Dante took up the speech prevalent about Florence, and found-ed classic Italian; but to this hour neither the Venetian, nor the Near of litan, nor the Sicilian, have aban doned their old dialects. Similar dif ferences exist in France, Spain and elsewhere.

"Let us no more hear, then, of this objection to Irish; but trust that the labors of Mr. O'Donovan, Mr. Bur Mr. Connellan, the Rev. M ry,

O'Sullivan, of Bandon, and whoever besides are the best of our Celtic scholars, will be combined to 'iro duce such standards as will mak this age the founding-time, or the epoch of restoration for the Gaein language."

Notes From Scotland

A PARISH COUNCIL .- At the last meeting of the Glasgow Parish Coun-cil, Mr. D. T. Harvey was co-opted as parish councillor for the Third Ward, in room of Councillor M. J. Connell resigned. At one time fears were entertained that Mr. Harvey would not be co-opted-this through no fault of his own, but to his pre decssor neglecting to attend the meetings. However, Mr. Harvey was unanimously co-opted, and thus danger to Catholicity was averted There can be no doubt that Mr. Har vey will give a better account of himself than the one whose place he

A NEW PARISH .- On Easter Sun day there was opened quietly and without much outward demonstration, at Halfway, on the grounds of the Sisters of Nazareth, a little iron chapel in which Mass was said by Father Quinlan, of Govan. It, ac commodates just now about 200 peo ple, and will meantime be served from Govan, but if our progress in the future is but what it has been in Jacobite ballads, from Cormack's the future is but what it has been in is not altogether constrained by the past, it will not be very long in our own ranks we own as we should.

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THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

Catholic Demonstration

In the presence of 50,000 people Archbishop Farley laid the corner-stone of the Roman Catholic School of Our Lady of Good Counsel in East Ninety-first street, near First avenue, New York, on Sunday, April 25. For a radius of ten blocks around the new school site almost every house and tenement was draped with American and Irish flags. The roofs, fire-escapes and windows, for six squares commanding a view of the ceremony or the line of parade were thickly filled with spectators and Ninety-first street and First

and Second avenues were blocked for an hour. Almost every Catholic society in New York was officially represented, and fully 7,000 men, wearing the badges of their organizations, marched in the procession. Several thousand little girls and young women also assembled in bodies representing their sodalities. Archbishop Farley school boy, we are Americans.' officiated at the dedication, assisted

by Rev. James Connolly, pastor of the church with which the school is connected, and Father Hayes. Then the Archbishop blessed and adjusted the stone. Following this, the Rev Dr. Joseph McMahon delivered dedicatory address, in which he said: "Standing side by side as this school does with the building that

represents the mighty interest of the people of New York in popular education, a sharp contrast is suggest ed, and our thoughts instinctively go back to the fundamental differences that have required the Catho lic citizens of this metropolitan city to invest nearly five millions of dollars in school buildings, which educate nearly 42,000 pupils, at an an nual cost of about \$350,000, while at the same time, they are taxed as other citizens for the support of schools to which they are free to send their children were they not de-

terred by the dictates of their conscience from making use of them. "The question has recently reached an acute stage. It is unquestionable that from all parts of the country is coming a demand that must be eeded for the moral education of the children.

"We have practically, it seems, nade up our minds that we never can secure justice from our fellowcitizens. We have been content to shoulder manfully our heavy burden, realizing the injustice which imposed it, realizing that we are working for the best and highest interests of the country, but at a cost that it is startling to appreciate. We have practically abandoned the idea that the American people would ever awaken to a realizing sense of the necessity and increasing importance of religious instruction in the schools. "We were content to hope that

when our non-Catholic brethren saw the attendance at their churches decreasing, while that at ours was increasing, they would have traced the cause to the neglect of the religious education of their youth, forgetting what seems to be a fact, that on the part of those whose absence has hecome so noticeable there is no longer any interest in religion, but rather a decided apathy where there is not positive hostility; and that it is not altogether certain that even is not altogether certain that even ily, and has not been disturbed in the Roman Empire had reached the in our own ranks we are holding our own as we should. It is pleasures one minute, has not shown after my wife's death the was sunk in the lowest depths of University, Washington; Rev. Father

nner reached the summit. In the silence which followed the Archbishop thanked the Twelfth Regiment for its gift. He said: "In the name of the pastor of this parish and his co-workers and the people of this congregation I Liedge you that the emblem which has just To been raised above us will float above as true and loyal hearts as the Stars and Stripes ever protected. We Catholic people are trained in symbolism. Our religion is a religion of symbolism, and to the 75,000,000 of people of our land that banner is the symbol of peace widespread.

"Here on this spot, where you and I stand, children will be taught for generations to come. The two great laws of authority and obedience be instilled into them-to the State, which is authority, and God, from whom authority flows and whom they must obey. Here they will be taught as all Catholics are taught, to love, honor and protect their gov ernment. Whatever differences riay lie between us on questions of education or other grounds, one thing unites us inseparably, and that is devotion to our flag. Let an insult fall upon it, a menace threaten it from within or without, and all prejudice of race or creed or condition is forgotten, Catholic and Protest ant, public school boy and parochial

Peculiarities of Making Wills.

Scores of people, otherwise wellmeaning and of sound business judgment, when the task of making their wills confront them, either display great weakness of mind or indulge in unnecessary recriminations in regard to their children or life-long friends which is deplorable. A case before the New York courts reported in the "Herald" of that city furnishes some peculiar evidence on that point. The report says :--

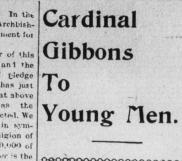
Thoroughly surprised was H. Cuido Reitzenstein, of No. 210 Carroll street, Brooklyn, to find in the will of his lifelong friend and partner clause denouncing him as a man too selfish to buy a crape band for his hat when that friend's wife died.

The will, that of Adolph Augustus Strohn, who died in the Hotel St. George last October, was probated by Surrogate/ Church on December 29 of last year, but the reculiar phrase relating to Mr. Reitzenstein was not noticed by any but the im mediate friends until yesterday.

It is believed by the friends both men that Strohn, having written his resentment in his will, forgot all about it in the later years of his life, as the old friendship between the men seemed as strong as ever. In fact, Strohn was buried from the house of Mr. Reitzenstein. Mr. Strohn left several thousand dollars to distant relatives. He said in his will, which he made on May 15, 1893, just after his wife's death: "It is impossible for me to give the exact amount of how much

leave, as I have been speculating all my life and may do the same henceforth.

"As my former partner is a rich man, besides mean, greedy, selfish in every respect toward the whole world, except his own wife and children, and as he is aware that my wife has given direct or through me thousands of dollars into his family, and has not been disturbed in the Roman Empire had reached the



If the civil sword, even with the aid of religion, can scarcely restrain public disorders, how futile would be the attempt to do so without the co-operation of moral and religious influence ! Still less do you fear the judgment that posterity may pronounce on your conduct. For if you believe neither in God nor in life to. come, the condemnation of later ages will not disturb your ashes reposing in the tomb.

The esteem of your fellowmen will not be sufficient inducement to make you a virtuous citizen, for the great virtues, even those that influence the well-being of society, are practiced in private, and are hidden from the eyes of men, like the root which gives life and bloom to the tree, or the gentle dew of heaven, which silently sheds its blessing on the labors of the husbandman. The case of the Founder of the Christian religion is familiar to the reader. Who was so great a benefactor to society as He? He went about doing good to all men. He gave sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf, and walking to the lame, and strength to the paralyzed limb, and comfort to the afflicted and even life to the dead. He pro mulgated the most sublime and b neficent laws that were even given to man. He invariably inculcated 16 spect for ruling powers and obeyance to their authority, and yet He was branded as a seditious man, an en emy of Caesar, and He was put to

death by the people whom He sought to deliver from spiritual bondage But perhaps you will say that a na tural sense of justice, independent o religion, can exercise sufficient influ ence in inducing you to practice th

duties of an upright citizen. But t discard religion and yet profess to believe in natural justice is self-con tradictory. It is grasping at th shadow and rejecting the substance It is unconsciously clothing one's sel in the garment of religion, while re jecting its spirit, "having, indeed an appearance of godliness, but de nying the power thereof." If you seriously reflect, you will discove that natural justice has no foundation unless it rests on reli gion. Natural justice may sound wel in theory, but it is a feeble barrier

against the encroachments of vice. There are many that consider men tal culture a panacea for every no ral disorder. "Let knowledge," the "be diffused over the land. say, cial order and morality will follow in its track." The experience o other nations, as well as that of our own, shows it to be a very great illusion to suppose that intellectual development is sufficient of itself to make us virtuous men, or that th moral status of a people is to be es timated by the widespread diffusion of purely secular knowledge. When

hood of humanity. Religion, therefore, is the fostering mother of charity, and charity is the guardian of civility, and good breeding is one of the essential elements of the wellbeing of society. Worldly politeness, devoid of religion, is cold, formal and heartless; it soon degenerates in-

Good breeding, inspired by religion and charity, inculcates a constant self-denial. The young man possessing it is sincere and unaffected; he has the ring of the genuine . coin, which passes current everywhere and which is easily distinguished from the counterfeit. The Christian religion is all-pervading. It influences the master to be kind towards his servant by reminding him that he also has a Master in heaven who has no respect to persons. It admon ishes the servant to be docile and obedient to his master, not serving to the eye as it were pleasing to men, but as the servants of Christ doing the will of God from the hearta It charges the rich to be high-minded, not to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who "giveth us abundantly all things to enjoy.'3 It counsels the poor to bear their privations with resignation, by set-ting before them the life of Him who, in the words of the apostle, 'being rich, became poor for your sake, that, through poverty, you might be rich."

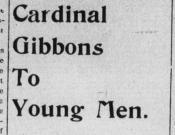
In a word, religion is anterior to society and more enduring than government; it is the focus of all social virtues, the basis of public morals, the most powerful instrumentation in the hands of legislators: it is stronger than self-interest, more inspiring that civil threats, more universal than honor, more active than love of country-the surest guarantee that rulers can have of the fidelity of their subjects and that subjects can have of the justice of their rulers. It is the curb of the mighty, the defence of the weak, the consolaion of the afflicted, the covenant of God with man; and in the language of Homer, it is "the golden which suspends the earth from the throne of the eternal."

Every philosopher and statesman who has discussed the subject of human governments has acknowledged that there can be no stable society without morality, no morality without religion, no religion without

The foregoing subjects are worthy the serious consideration young men, who are destined to be the future bulwarks and support of our great republic.

MEMORIAL HALL TO BISHOP LOUGHLIN.

It is consoling to note that in certain localities the memories of the noble deeds of our prelates and priests are being preserved in the erection of monuments which will be object lessons to future generations. A notable instance is the following: With most impressive ceremonies the cornerstone of the new parish hall of St. Cecilia's Church in Herbert street, Williamsburg, was laid recently by Mgr. P. J. McNamara. Vicar-General of the diocese. Fully fifteen thousand persons , witnessed ceremony continued later in St. the Cecilia's Church. When completed the building will be oedicated to the nemory of the late Bishop John Loughlin.



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