

The Catholic Chronicle

ROME.

Under date of May 15, the Rome correspondent of the New York Freeman's Journal says...

If a Roman of the time of Nero were to make his appearance in the world today everything would be strange to him except the Papacy...

But a fact or phenomenon still more extraordinary lies behind this unbroken succession of pontiffs...

Finally, a third most important fact stands out in the history of the Papacy. Go through all the more noteworthy attacks...

Let it be clearly understood that the Church does not claim impeccability for her pontiffs...

Pope Alexander VI became the chief protagonist of all attacks on the Papacy...

On the other hand the Church can show at least four sainted Pontiffs for every century of her existence...

IRELAND.

Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, M.P., writes. Now that opportunities are to be given both in purely English speaking and in bilingual districts...

elves for the present to twenty watering places, all of course either in or near Irish-speaking districts...

I earnestly appeal to the patriotism and public spirit of the National Teachers of Ireland to show their love of country...

THOMAS O'DONNELL.

DESECRATION OF CHURCHES

From different parts of Ireland with in the last few weeks have come reports of shameful desecration of Catholic churches...

At the Tomgrancy Petty Sessions, Henry Tolson, of Swords, Dublin, and Andrew Clarke, Kingston, were charged with a shocking outrage at the Tomgrancy Church...

Sergeant M'Hugh, Scariff, described the state of the church on his arrival. A chest of drawers containing the sacred vestments had been pulled out...

UNITED STATES.

CATHOLICS AND THE PAN-AMERICAN EXHIBITION.

The Catholic Union and Times, of Buffalo, says: The opening of the Pan-American Exposition on Dedication Day may be said to mark an era in the history of Buffalo...

The exhibition is the result of much forethought given to it by men of experience and resource. In bringing their gigantic plans to the maturity...

President and Vice-President of the United States, by the presidents of South American republics, by high officers of other governments on this continent...

Although the Catholics of Buffalo have not pledged themselves to any formal policy in reference to the exposition, they may be relied upon to co-operate most heartily in whatever will tend to the security and comfort of our visitors...

The number of our churches, with their crowded congregations, with no doubt, prove a source of astonishment to rural citizens from the West...

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We have read the Bill through, and though vague and disjointed in many directions we cannot help regarding it as a proposed step in the right direction...

Look to the technical schools of America; look to those which have been established during recent years in France, Belgium, Denmark, Germany and Austria...

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visit not long since to one of those evening continuation schools, where he found the pupils engaged in dancing. The teachers defended this practice on the ground that it came under the heading of "suitable physical exercise."

Perhaps one of the brightest contingents likely to follow the passing of the Government's Education Bill into law is this:—that in time the Board schools themselves will be absorbed by the new educational authority called into existence by the County Councils...

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EVERYDAY HEROES.

In the June chapter in St. Nicholas of the series on "Causes of Danger and Daring," Cleveland Moffett takes up "The Firemen."

STORY LOOKS FISHY.

The case of the priest, M. Bruneau, who is said to have gone to the guillotine rather than reveal a confession secret, is still filling the newspapers...

A NOTABLE WEDDING.

French fashionable papers chronicle the marriage in the Church of St. Jean de Loix, that charming seaside resort in the Lower Pyrenees, of M. Henri Sollelle, son of the General of that name...

To carry a woman down the front of a burning building on scaling-ladders is a matter of regular routine for a fireman, like jumping from a fourth story window down to a net...

alambert, and the O'Connell of French politics. Father James O'Haire, an Irish Apostolic Missionary in South Africa, and now resting in Cognac in the Charente for the sake of his health...

By this time flames were breaking out of every story from street to roof. It seemed impossible to go on with the rescue work; yet the men persisted, even on the Fifth Avenue front...

A FRESHMAN AT LARGE.

From the New York Sun.—To the Editor of the Sun.—Sir:—The address of Mr. Charles Wolcott Merriam of Yale University School of which I find a report in to-day's Sun...

When we consider this claim in the light of the Papacy, it cannot be taken seriously, but it is a somewhat mournful fact that a tenth of our population are pledged to the belief that when the Roman Pontiff gives his occasional ex-cathedra utterances they are as the voice of God...

Regarding the confessional, what does Mr. Merriam know about it that he ventured to malign the Catholic clergy, as if they frequently yielded to the temptation of abusing the confidences they receive?

Dr. Brownson's words may be passed by as counterbalanced by many explanatory statements in his voluminous writings. E. g., speaking of the charge that Catholics should be regarded as un-American because they owe allegiance to a foreign power...

Mr. Bourke Cockran proved on Tuesday afternoon, in receiving the Laetare medal, that the Catholic Church alone made republics possible, because she alone, from the beginning, taught the absolute equality of all men...

Father Hecker, the friend of "men like Gibbons and Ireland," used to boast "I am a better Catholic because I am an American, and a better American because I am a Catholic."

A CATHOLIC CLERGYMAN.

HOW THEY FIGURED IT OUT.

A school teacher in Sheffield received the following from a complaining parent a few weeks ago:—"Sir:—Will you please for the future give my boy some easier names to do at his lessons? This is what he brought home to me or three times back: 'If fore gallsins of bere will fill 'airty-to-pint bottles, how many pint and a half bottles will some gallsins fill?' Well, we tried, and could make nothing of it at all; and my boy cried and said he didn't dare to look in the morning without doing it. So I had to go an buy a nine-gallon cask to put here, which I could ill afford to do, and then we went and borrowed a lot of wine and brandy bottles, besides a few we had by us. Well, we emptied the cask into the bottles, and then he asked me and there were nineteen, and my boy said the number down for an answer I don't know whether it is right or not as we split sum while do 'in' it. P. S. Please let the next come be in water, as I am not able to buy any more bre'."—Bangkok Weekly Mail.