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ST. PATRICK'S RETREAT.

STIRRING SERMONS BY REDEMP-TORIST FATHERS.

CREAT ENTHUSIASM AND DEVOTION ON THE PART OF THE YOUNG MEN-AN ACCOUNT OF THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

The retreat for the young men of St. Patrick's parish opened on Sunday evening under circumstances which must be not alone cheering to the zealous pastor, Father Quinlivan, but also a source of much consolation to the elder members of the pioneer parish. It is, indeed, an edifying spectacle in these days, when the prevailing sentiment savors too much of the merry characters pictured by the poet, and whose chant was "Live and be merry," to witness such an enthusiastic attendance of young men, morning and night, at the exercises. On Sunday evening there must have been at least 700 young men, whose ages varied from 16 to 35 years, seated in the aisles and in the galleries. That number was increased by several hundreds on Monday evening, and it is quite safe to say that this evening every available portion of the sacred edifice will be occupied. It is, indeed, strange to note way in which they are expounded seems to awaken that feeling of earnestness which is always lurking in the secret resolution is always through the first through the same submerges all other thoughts save those which guide the footsteps towards the same spectral and loved. Nevertheless, the Catholic Church has always been perthe Church.

each successive retreat a feeling of loneliness comes over them.

Fathers Schneider and Carbray, Redemptorists, but on Sunday and Monday evenings Father Schneider was suffering from from New York, and in consequence he was scarcely able to speak above a whisper. Father Carbray was not expected to arrive until Tuesday evening. The sermon on Sunday evening was delivered by Father Strubbe, of St. Ann's Church, and well known to every young of righteousness.

able and enthusiastic comments on this sermon. It was a fluent, logical, conall the religious fervor of the young men and to raise the enthusiasm of all who are now seeking the graces of a holy mission.

On the following morning he delivered an instruction on Confession, its importance and effects.

dwelt in forcible and eloquent terms the Church. upon the dreadful consequences of the death of a sinner. "Fire," said he, "can be resisted, so can the fiercest storm, and in many cases sickness can be overcome, but death, the call of God, is there." In soul-stirring tones the sad picture of death in a family was related, loving children gathered around the bedside of an affectionate father or a loving mother, their prayers of supplication addressed to the Most High, to spare that life so dear to them for a little longer, but death strikes the fatal blow. The young man, said the Rev. Father, never thinks of death, unless under circumstances of that nature which are brought near to him.

On Tuesday morning Father McPhail delivered the instruction, which was upon Holy Communion. In the course of the half hour, reference was made to the manner in which people act before and after receiving Holy Communion, and the hurried manner in which they depart as soon as the Mass is concluded A quarter of an hour, at least, should be spent in prayer and meditation before and after having approached the Holy Communion.

The Choir, under the direction of Prof. Fowler, every evening do good work. There is certainly a vast improvement in the choruses, which are strong and effective. The staff of soloists also are unsurpassed; headed by the sweet tenor John J. Rowan, they certainly enhance the religious ceremonial. A very beautiful feature of the proceedings is the congregational singing, in which all the young men immediately after recitation of the Rosary unite in singing a beautiful hymn. Father Quinlivan shows his warm interest in the young men. Every evening he is around amongst them in the church looking to their comfort. The decorations and improvements are the favorite theme of discussion among the young men, and it is well that it is so, as every young parishioner should be proud of St. Patrick's, and should not fail in some way to give evidence of their appreciation of the zeal and love the pastor to make the great transforma-

ments erected for the greater glory of them reside life and light," said the pre-God in this New World. The retreat is cursor of the Man God, in which two destined to bear good fruit, it is calculated to arouse the rising generation to a lively sense of their duty, to make them good Catholics, good parishioners and good citizens.

NOTES.

Any person desirous of securing articles of devotion, beads, scapulars, crosses, etc., can secure the same by applying to the Orphan's Asylum. A large and varied supply is always on hand.

The new pulpit in St. Patrick's, to which we referred some time ago, and which is being used during the present retreat, has been raised two feet higher. The sounding board, the only one in the city, is a wonderful invention. It was purchased of Howell & Co, of New York, the celebrated pulpit builders. It is of the greatest use considering the numbers that congregate at each service.

A MOST INSTRUCTIVE SERMON.

REV. FATHER TRIPIER ON THE APPARENT WEAKNESS OF THE CHUECH.

In Notre Dame Church, on Sunday last, Rev. Father Tripier spoke on the apparent weakness of the Catholic Church in the face of temporal powers and popular passions. He also explained the human and providential causes of this weakness. The Catholic Church, said the Rev. Father, is the society of the souls that believe and hope in God and love Him, the momentum of enthusiasm which is | and which, under the invisible direction apparently created amongst the young men each evening. The desire of listening to the cold truths and the heroic listening truth truths are the cold truth t situdes can be in opposition to the evolutions of a society established by God; it is for this reason that it should con-

ecuted and neverallowed entire liberty. Many are the young men who have informed The True Witness that after Christ until our own time, the impartial reader is justly astonished to see through what trials and struggles the Catholic The exercises were to be conducted by | Church has passed in its mission of civilization. How can it be explained that a society founded by God for the temporal happiness of humanity and a severe cold, contracted while travelling | the salvation of souls, should meet such

frequent and such strong opposition. The Catholic Church is a universal and international society, and was entrusted by its Founder with the mission of teaching his doctrine and distributing his grace, not only to certain individuals, but to all mankind. No tribes, no disman in this city. The reverend preacher | tinet people, no nations, exist in the eyes delivered an eloquent and impressive of Jesus Christ, there is only one humandiscourse upon the spiritual blindness which is the bane of this age. In beautiful and touching language he appealed to the young men to awaken to the sense of their duty, their holy religion, and not be allured from the path is a particularist, it apholds jealously the character, temporal interests, and On all sides have we heard most favor- ambitions of a race. It is with suspicion and uneasiness that a sovereign sees all or a part of his subjects under the spirivincing address, one calculated to awaken | tual and moral direction of a foreign power, such as the authority of the Pope, Vicar of Christ.

Spiritual authority comes directly from God; temporal power is running indirectly from the same source through the popular suffrage. Both should work together in their special sphere and live In the evening Father McPhail, also in perfect harmony. When a power of St. Ann's, occupied the pulpit and took for his subject "Death." For nearly one hour the Reverend preacher conscience, it is forcibly in conflict with

> The mo t noble and real sovereignty is the one that exercises itself over the minds by its doctrines; over the consciences by its direction; and over the hearts by love.

The weakness of the Catholic Church is wanted by Providence for a double motive. The respect that God has for moral liberty, this most precious gift which makes us the imitators of God, which is the condition of every virtue, and has created heroes and martyrs of all noble causes. Moral liberty needs an occasion to decide in favor either of virtue or vice; God allows all the attacks against His Church in order to give this liberty to practice moral virtues.

The weakness and impuissance of the Church in the face of science's contradictions, vexatory measures of the temporal powers and popular passions, is providential, for God wants to show that the Church is His work, and can resist what is the destruction of merely human institutions. The Catholic Church, for the last nineteen centuries, has passed through all kinds of vicissitudes, and has never been stopped in its work of civilization.

CHRIST IN POLITICS.

Before a large congregation, Rev. T. J. Slevin preached a powerful sermon last Sunday morning, in the Church of Gesu. The preacher, who took as his theme, "Christ in Politics," said in the course of his remarks that for many years this world has revolve through space, and, as century succeeded century, many grand characters had taken their stand on the stage of life and acted able parts. A massive genius had stood before the congress of the world's spokesmen with bills and policies intending to legislate and procure for humanity the summum bonum of moral and intellectual well-being. Not a few of humanity's best adherents endeavored to counteract the withering tendencies of their contemporaries and to undo the damage done, but none of them could ever effect that which huwhich has been instrumental in urging manity and a fallen race required, viz., to the pastor to make the great transforma reconstruct, put in harmony, and be tion that gives the grand old church a queath a self-renovating system which foremost place in the beautiful monut would last till time be no more.

cursor of the Man God, in which two words we have the epitome of the world wide influence, which Christ has exercised, and still exercises, over the minds and hearts of men. Nor does this life, spoken of by Herod's denouncer, mean simply that life enjoyed by the blest beyond the starry dome, where the disem-bodied spirit is plunged in the ocean of never-ending bliss; but it means that every day, work day life of our natural existence, where disorder and desolation reign supremely. Even the upholder of untenable theories, whether in the civil or religious world, cannot, without a shudder of horror, contemplate the vast panorama of human miseries that is being daily unfolded throughout the Creator's realms. Order constitutes peace and happiness. Everything will be found in harmony when the relations, which exist between the various nations, are

pupils of the Reformatory School in honor of the visit of Rev. Father Amedee, tions in two of our leading co loves Superior-General of the Order of Brothers of Charity, and the patronal feast of Rev. Amedee Therien, the chaplain of the institute. The drama to be presented is a come dy in four acts entitled "Gregoire on Le Faux Duc de Bourgogne." A very fine instrumental and vocal programme will be presented. A large at-

INTENDED FOR PRINCE ALBERT CATHEDRAL

There was a magnificent congregation at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, last Sunday evening, to witness the blessing of a bell destined for the Cathedral of Prince Albert, of which Mgr. Albert Pascal is the first pastor. The sponsors promulgated and observed, and when the | were members of the Judiciary, the Bar

tendance is expected. BLESSING OF BELLS

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL TASCHEREAU.

individuals among themselves and the nation, with its rulers, are all in accord. But the Galilean politician is capable, alone, of realizing so vast a scale of policy, and that without ever having written a book on polities like Gladstone. "Be ye subject to your temporal lords," has kept more nations in due and noble submission, has propped up and preserved more tottering thrones than all the policies, remedial bills and concordate from Plato to Justin and from the first consulto Le Play. As soon as Christ's policy is promulgated and put in practice, it be-gets peace and happiness. Then, and only then, is obedience ennobled, rights guaranteed, and the Sovereign acknowledged as judge, then only can the Sovereign repose tranquilly on the heart and conscience of his people.

CARDINAL TASCHEREAU.

ARCHBISHOP BEGIN DEALS WITH THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH.

His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau. on last Thursday, was twenty-five yearsa Bishop, his Episcopal consecration having taken place March 19, 1871. Owing to the Cardinal's precarious health he was unable to take part in any ceremonies in honor of the day. His Grace Archbishop Begin, the Cardinal's coad jutor, says, in speaking of the event If we only listened to our great veneration for His Eminence, we would announce jubilee fetes which would eclipse anything of the kind yet seen in Quebec. free from all emotion and fatigue. The venerable Cardinal's strength is failing daily notwithstanding the fervent prayers which are daily offered for such a precious existence. The old age of the beloved pastor is spent in prayer, as you his views in asking for an episcopal jubilee of prayer. The faithful will pray for His Eminence, who every day spends several hours in tete-a-tete with our Saviour in the tabernacle. May God grant this venerable veteran of the sanctuary, who has been for us all a loving father, all the spiritual and temporal help which he needs. We also thank God for having so long preserved to our esteem and veneration and love him who has done so much for religion in this country, and whose very presence is still for us a precious token of Divine protection"

Masses were said throughout the Archdiocese of Quebec for the aged Prince of the Church, and the Te Deum was chanted.

GRAND DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL SEANCE.

and the learned professions, and amongst those present was Hon. Mr. La Riviere, M.P. for St. Boniface. His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, with many of his clergy, were also in attendance. The sermon was preached by Bishop Laffeche, of Three Rivers, who took for his text. "I heard a voice crying in the wilderness." His Lordship saying that like the sound of old, the tones of the bells of Prince Albert would be heard calling the people to repentance. He also referred to the state of the Northwest, when he worked as a missionary in those distant wastes, and the great progress that had been made. He also spoke, in very culogistic terms, of the civilizing influences of the Canadian Pacific Railway."

TEACHING ENGLISH.

HOW LITERATURE MAY HE MADE ATTRACTIVE TO THE PUBL.

In an editorial the Century for March says: We are told that the way to become a good writer is to write; this sounds plausible, like many other pretty sayings equally remote from fact. No one thinks that the way to become a good medical practitioner is to practise; that is the method of quacks. The best way, indeed, to become a good writer is to be born of the right sort of parents; this fundamental step having been unac countably neglected by many children, the instructor has to do what he can with secon l or third-class material. Now a wide reader is usually a correct writer; But, as in 1892, on the occasion of the and he has reached the gold in the most Sacerdotal Jubilee, we must take into delightful manner, without feeling the account his feeble nealth and keep him penalty of Adam. What teacher ever found in his classes a boy who knew his Bible, who enjoyed Shakespeare, and who loved Scott, yet who, with his outfit, wrote illiterate compositions? This are aware, far from the noise of the world; and we believe therefore to favor writing is in the same was that correct with views in asking for making for youth writes well principally because he

No amount of mere grammatical and rhetorical training, nor even of constant practice in the art of composition, can attain the results reached by the child this week and will stay for some time at who reads good books because he loves to read them. We would not take the extreme position taken by some, that all practice in theme writing is time thrown away; but after a costly experience of the drudgery that composition work forces on teacher and pupil, we would say emphatically that there is no educational method at present that inwere made to appear as having danced. energy and money, with so correspondingly small a result. To neglect the teaching of literature for the teaching of composition, or to assert that the second is the more important, is like showing a hungry man how to work his jaws instead of giving him something to eat. In order to support this with evidence,

where the natural capacity and previous trainin gof the students were fairly equal.

In one college every freshman wrote themes steadily through the year, with an accompaniment of sound instruction in rhetorical principles; in the other college every freshman studied Shake-speare, with absolutely no training in rhetoric and with no practice in composition. A comparison of the themes written in their sophomore year by these students showed that technically the two were fully on a par. That is weighty

and most significant testimony.

If the teachers of English in secondary schools were people of real culture them-selves, who both knew and loved literature who tried to make it attractive to their pupils, and who were given a sufficient time allotment to read a number of standard books with their classes, the composition question would largely take care of itself. More training in theme writing can never take the place of the acquisition of ideas, and the boy who thinks interesting thoughts will usually write not only more attractively, but more correctly, than the one who has worked trend mill tashion in sentence and paragraph architecture. The differ cace in the teacher's has piness, vitality and consequent effectiveness is torob vious to mention. The Republic.

TRISH NEWS ITEMS.

McCarthy O'Leary, D. L., of Millstreet County Cork, died recently at the age of ciahtyone years. He was the cidest de puty-lieutemant in the county.

These deaths are at nonneed: Feb. 18 at Navan, Virgert Alphotses voltagest son of B. Contan Gastievin. Feb. 15, at Grangegeeth, Same, Patrick Devin.

At the Presentation Convent, Carlow on Feb. 17. Miss Agres Mahar, youngest daughter of Mrs. Esting Mahar, of For ris. In religion Sister Mary Magshala. received the black weil.

The lords of the come iftee of the Privi Council of Education have secretions the establishment of a school it. Ki larney for instruction it wood work, Th matter will be brought before Partin

Among those who passed the final med ical examination at Edinboro' wa tionis Hennessy, brother of the Rev. I Homessy, or Clarability. Doctor Henressy possed the several exanduations with distinction.

At the recent examination for other of the Infand they are, Florence Sular van of Keale, parish of Promtarille, took seventh place out or nearly 1 000 comes titers. Mr. Sullivan is the first high man on the successful list.

posure received while rescuing the erew of a vessel off Dungarven. The National Lifeboat Institution have contributed cloure aid the widew and family of five ehildren. Captain John MacGillieneldy, Union-

ist, has come forward as canalid to for East Kerry, Michael Davitt, who was chosen for two constituencies, having elected to sit for South Mayo. Captain MacGillienddy has unsuccessfully contested the division already.

An eviction took place on Feb. 15, at Runownbeg. Thomas McCurlogh, of Roundstone, was the landlord, and the victim was an aged widower named Tom-Connelly, who had no one in the lawise but a half demented son. Connelly was reinstated as caretaker.

The Marquis of Lon londerry has made, if accepted, a very valuable gift to the town of Newtownards, namely, the Assembly Rooms and Market House, in trust to the Town Commissioners, for the benefit of the town. The Town Commissioners have appointed a committee to consider the matter.

In some parts of the southern and western districts potatoes are commanding such low prices that by themselves it bardly pays to bring them to market from long distances. In Birr and Portuana the quotations have goned wn to 1.12d, per stone, and at this figure large quantities were bought.

The tenants on the Aughnagar and Lissiadonaghy property of Charles G. B. Kennedy, of Stewartstown, have come to arrangements with their landlord to buy out their heldings under the Ashhourne Act. The sale is to be effected at seventeen years' purchase with all arrears to be paid to the buildord.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Father P. Arpselar, of the West Indian Islands, and Provincial of the Redemptorist Fathers, passed through Montreal last week on his way to Ste. Anne de Beaupre. He returns during the Mother House here.

In the rush of getting up our reports of the various concerts on St. Patrick's night, we inadvertently omitted two lines in that of St. Patrick's concert. The consequence was that Mr. D. J. and Miss Nellie McAndrew, who had charmed were made to appear as having danced. volves so enormous an outlay of time, This lady and gentleman were thus deprived of the credit they deserved so well, in the report, while they received credit for a part which they did not take.

"THAT was a very line speech you made the other night," said one gentleman to another. "I didn't make it the other o'clock, a grand Dramatic and musical who investigated the question by reading the other night, but it took me a "In entertainment will be given by the order to support this with evidence, lands in the other night," replied the latter; "I delivered it the other night, but it took me a month to make it."

THE NEW IRISH LEADER.

WELL-READ, A GREAT TRAVELER.

HE HAS SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR POLITICAL LIFE, WITH A COMPLETE KNOWLEDGE OF ALL SUBJECTS THAT CON-CERN THE WELFARE OF THE EMERALD

Mr. Dillon is a very well-read man,

but he never talks of his reading unless you draw him out upon the subject. He has also been a great traveller, but he never talks of his travels unless you ask him for information about some far-of? region with which he is personally acquainted. He knows the United States from east to west and from north to south. He lived for a considerable time on a ranche in Colorado. He is well acquainted with Canada and has a thorough knowledge of all the Australasian colonics. He has been in the island where Robert Louis Stevenson lived and died. He has a keen, retentive memory, and can tell you how to go from this part to that part of New Zealand or Queensland as readily and accurately as it be were a Murray's guide book. Of course he is familiar with all the ordinary regions of travel in Europe and Egypt and the nearer East generally. As to his reading, it is very varied both in science and in literature. His taste inclines him to admire the greatest in every style, whatever the form may be. He is an enthusiast about Goethe and an enthusiast about Buros. He finds great delight inthe frequent reading of Herodorus. He is a great beyor, but not in the ordinary sense of the phrase. He does not care about a book merely because it is in a first edition. But he likes to buy his books if he likes the books, and he does not get full enjoyment out of any book that is lent to him, and which he has to give back within some more or less definite time. He wan's to have his book adways with him, so that he can take it up and study it whenever inclination suggests and a rare hour of leasure allows. His qualifications for political life are a complete knowledge of all the subjects that concern the welfare of Ireland, and an acquaintance with the conditions of many other countries which enables him to compare and contrast and draw conclusions; a great natural ability well trained by long experionee; a ready gitt of speech and ar indomitable courage. He is not an water, and does not alterned to be, although he can always impress a great public inceting in Ireland or Great Britain, and he has often made a deep impression on the House of Commons. more perhaps by his carnestness, his sincerity, and his knowledge of facts, Michael Hegan, if the Baldinacoutry than by his elequence. He is not a Parliamentary debat r in the sense than Mr. Sexton was or that Mr. Healy is. He does not profess to be much of a tactician, although he quite appreciates the value of factics in parliamentary as in other warfare. I think his commanding position in politics is due to force of character rather than to what might be called mere eleverness or artifice of any kind. He is certainly well esteemed in the House of Commons by Tory politi cians as well as by Liberals, and I have never heard an unkindly word said of him by any but a few, a very few, of his own countrymen. He has now entered into a very responsible and a very troublesome position, and I do not suppose he has taken the step with anything like a light heart. But he is not a man to shrink from accepting responsibility, or to gramble or to make moan over a responsibility which he accents. He is not likely, as Fergus MacIvor says of himself, to sit down and cry even it the lack should go against him. Nor is he any more likely to become puffed upwith success if the success should come his way .-- London News.

MGR. SATOLLES DEPARTURE.

New York, March 18-Cardinal Satolli will leave America for Rome early in May. His successor will be Archbishop Averadi, Titular of the Ancient Sec. in Tarsos. It is said Archbishop Averadi is now in America.

CARDINAL GIBBONS, as a Baltimorean, is interested in the plan for a monument to Edgar Allan Poe. In speaking of it the Cardinal said :-

" Poe had a short, sad and checkered career. It must be said with candor that his moral character was not above reproach, although much has been done in recent years to show that many of the tales told of him were not true. He had many redeeming traits. He possessed a poetic spirit far above the ordinary standard, as is evidenced by his well-known 'Raven' and other poems. Moreover, he has an especial claim upon our community because he was a son of a Maryland lather, though born in another State, and because he spent a good portion of his life in Baltimore and died here. The erection of a monument, to his memory will be a manifestation of our appreciation of literary merits and a tribute to poetical talents.

THE 10th of May will be the day on which Archbishop Kain, of St. Louis, will receive the palitrm. It will also be the fiftieth anniversary of the selection: of the Immaculate Mother as the patroness of the United States by the Council of Baltimore. Archbishop Kendrick has gone to his eternal rest; he did not live to witness the full installation of his successor.