

The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE...

DEVOTED TO FOREIGN NEWS

ROME

The departure from Rome of the Shah of Persia on Sunday last was made the occasion of an anti-Papal demonstration.

When the Emperor William II. of Germany was in Rome in 1888 he brought from Berlin a special carriage with horses and driver and footmen.

But this was a triumph to the anti-Papal party in Rome. On Sunday morning, at the departure of the Shah, they took occasion to make this evident.

There is, however, another side to the picture. When the King is made the object of insult or attack, there is another cry.

"And why? For the so-called 'hallucination' to visit? And what did it matter to these shouters if the Shah did not go to the Vatican, and if the Vatican had demanded, not the visit, but the usual forms of such visits?"

The outrages made to the Pope are also apparently intended as outrages to the religion of which he is the head.

The King of Italy. It is pleasant work for a Minister to palliate the ebullition of patriots against the Pope.

Amongst the many projects in which Catholic devotion is shown to the Sovereign Pontiff Leo XIII. in this year of his Jubilee in the See of St. Peter, that of the Catholic workmen is one of the most interesting.

The Honorary Committee has for its president Prince Marcantonio Colonna, Assistant at the Pontifical Throne. Amongst its members are Prince Antici Mattel, Commendatore Luigi Dell, Count Augustus Caterini.

Three persons, remarkable in their respective ways, have died rather suddenly within the past week. These are Father Adolphus, Provincial of the Capuchin Friars Minor, who was one of the most zealous upholders of the faith in the Paris district which his Order served.

The new French Bishops are Canon Campitron, of Auch, and the Very Rev. Vicar-General Beauvain de Beaussejour, of Besancon. The former succeeds Mgr Isoard in the diocese of Anney, and the latter follows Mgr Billard in the See of Carassonne.

The Fathers of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost have received the full list of their religious who perished in the Martinique disaster. There were twelve in number, and there was one lay brother.

ollo religion as being still the national and official religion of the French nation and the Republic. On the other hand there was President Loubet visiting other Christian churches in St. Petersburg, including among them the French Catholic place of worship in the Russian capital.

IRISH LITERATURE.

An Earnest Plea for Its More Serious Study.

The following fervent letter speaks for itself. It comes from the pen of a gentleman who is no stranger to readers of this paper himself a distinguished Irish scholar and litterateur.

New York, June 3, 1903

Dear Sir—The lamentable death in your public libraries of works written on Irish subjects by persons competent to take up such material and do it justice, prompts me to offer a suggestion to the Irish people of the United States and Canada through the columns of your paper, with your permission.

Dr. Douglas Hyde, in his magnificent work, "A Literary History of Ireland," tells us that when O'Curry, O'Longan and O'Beirne catalogued a little more than half the manuscripts in the Royal Irish Academy, the catalogue of contents filled thirteen volumes containing 3,418 pages.

While good, wholesome Irish fiction is always welcome, it should be the aim of the association to see that the major portion of the books thus placed is Celtic in spirit and comprises works on the arts, sciences and literature of ancient Ireland. These should be chosen very carefully by a committee of able Irish literati.

Summing up the foregoing, briefly, the objects of the association should be:

- 1-To select at regular intervals a national committee or advisory board which shall select a certain number of works each year for the purposes of the organization.
2-To meet once every month, at least, to discuss current Irish literature and receive reports from the advisory board, in reference to works on Irish subjects.
3-To see that approved works are placed on the shelves of every public library.
4-To have these works read when they are thus placed, each member pledging to read as many of them as feasible during the year, and then interesting as many as possible outside of the association.
5-To interest the newspapers of Ibero-Celtic literature, so as to bring the publication of such matters prominently before the public.
6-To encourage the production of all new works on important Irish subjects and give moral support to researches into Irish antiquities.
7-To study the Irish element in American history and bring into prominence the part taken by the Irish race in the founding and maintenance of the American Republic.

The foregoing are suggestions with which to begin the society. Other aims and works will be suggested later by the developments of such a movement. The importance of such an organization can hardly be estimated. From a national standpoint there is no subject of more consequence than the literature of a country, and the apathy displayed by the Irish people toward their literature must be dispelled if we hope to keep the spirit of the race alive.

the Ancient Irish," in writing on this very subject says "During the first part of the eighteenth century possession of an Irish book made the owner a suspected person and was often the cause of his ruin. In some parts of the country the tradition of the danger incurred by having Irish manuscripts lived down to within my own memory, and I have seen Irish manuscripts which had been buried until the writing had almost faded, and the margins rotted away, to avoid the danger their discovery would entail at the visit of the local yeomanry."

The causes of the indifference of the Irish people to their own literature are too obvious to allow blame to rest on the race. Crushed by a merciless foe, who placed a price on the head of the schoolmaster and made learning a crime, it is a wonder that they have any literature left. Persecution has not driven the love for learning from their hearts, however, and they will yet respond to the proper treatment.

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The number of books required to furnish the public libraries of this country would make an edition of sufficient size to amply repay any author for spending months on a work. The ancient manuscripts would be brought into English for the world to read, and reproductions made of the originals.

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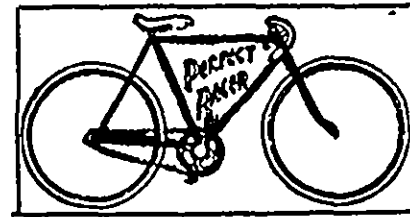
It is easy to obey the rule of constant rejoicing as we see farther into things. The decay and fall of the leaf appears in all the ancient literatures as the symbol of the brevity and fruitlessness of human life. It seemed to men the end of things—a beauty and a use which perished out of the great harmony of nature.

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