

NOTES BY THE WAY.

We advise all our readers who visit the exhibition to be sure and see St. Mary's school exhibit in the Main building and take as many as possible of their protestant friends to see it.

The Catholic population of this city is certainly growing. This is evidenced by the crowded state of the churches at all the masses every Sunday and the new comers, judging by their appearance, are of all nationalities and of almost every station in life.

No one has a higher appreciation of British pluck and British coolness in the face of danger than we have, but this does not blind us to the fact that even British officers might find it impossible in the short space of ten minutes to bring order out of the chaos which would inevitably be created by the rapid sinking of a ship containing seven or eight hundreds of men women and children.

Those members of the Church of England who still believe in a teaching church must have many an uncomfortable quarter-of-an-hour when they reflect that now-a-days a man may believe almost anything and yet be regarded as a full-fledged member of their denomination.

lie "regarding the immortality of soul, he has recently joined the English church. Of course it is none of our business but it does seem to us that such cases as this must be in the last degree distressing to those members of the English church who cherish the belief that they are in the true fold.

The sinking of the French transatlantic liner Bourgoigne and the drowning of nearly six-hundred of her passengers and crew was probably the most shocking calamity in the history of steam navigation. What a terrible scene that must have been on the deck of the steamer when those hundreds of human beings who had turned in only a few hours before without the slightest suspicion of danger were rudely awakened by the awful shock of the collision, and rushing up from below created a state of confusion which the officers and regular crew of the ship were unable, in the short time the vessel remained above water, to cope with, and which undoubtedly contributed to the fearful loss of life.

It seems to us that some of the comments which have appeared in the press regarding this catastrophe have been most uncalled for. It is all very well for scribblers in country newspapers sitting quietly in their offices to pass judgement as many of them have done on the captain and crew and to make idiotic comparison contrasting what happened with what they are positive would have occurred had it been a British ship manned by British sailors, but we venture to say that very few of the scribes are able to imagine the scene and they certainly do not give proper consideration to all the circumstances of the case.

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