

Mosses.

Children of lowly birth,
Pittifully weak;
Humblest creatures of the wood,

CATHOLICS OF SCOTLAND.

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PART II.

GEORGE HAY, JOHN GEDDES, ALEXANDER MACDONALD, AND THEIR TIME.

Notwithstanding all the pains that were taken, the biblical work of Mr. Geddes, when the first parts of it appeared, was very coldly received.

Councillor Charles Butler, a distinguished Catholic of London, whose writings do honor to his memory, was personally acquainted with Dr. Geddes, and thus speaks of him in the following kindly terms:

The death of this remarkable man took place at his house in the new road, London, on the 26th February, 1862, in the 65th year of his age.

It will naturally be asked, how, in such circumstances, the clergy could manage to exist? This question is answered, so far, by the following facts.

1st. There were certain foundations on account of masses which yielded from £3 to £4 a year.

2d. Propaganda often made a timely grant of money for supplying the missions.

3d. In country places the priest almost always rented a small field which was large enough for a cow's grass and a kitchen garden.

necessity, gave rise to evils which prevailed throughout the next quarter of a century. Mismanagement, especially during the latter part of this period, had produced its disastrous fruits.

Another affair which engaged the attention of the bishop at Rome was the revision of the Statuta Missionis. These important documents owed their origin to Bishop Nicholson, who, in 1700, formed, with the concurrence of the clergy, a code of laws, or Statuta intended for the guidance of the priests of the mission in the exercise of their ministry.

Soon after his arrival in Rome Bishop Hay was favored with an audience of the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius VI.

The Bishop, in visiting Rome, had in view also the temporal wants of the missionary clergy. Twenty years before the time of which there is question, the allowance of a priest from the common fund was only £5 in the country and £11 in towns.

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In the four years immediately preceding the bishop's visit to Rome these sums amounted to £27 sterling.

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Mr. Justice received instructions and was baptised. An only daughter who was well educated was next received into the Church. Her instructions were short; the good wife and mother came in later. She died soon after, then the daughter died of consumption, leaving the father alone, but he has followed them, in full hope of meeting them in a better land.

When near his end, he sent for your correspondent. The last time I left him with tears in his eyes he said to me: "Say an 'Ave' for me once in a while."

Lady Herbert of Lea. Lady Herbert, of England, who came to this country about a fortnight ago, and whose arrival in Baltimore has been mentioned in the Sun, left the Mount Vernon Hotel yesterday to spend some time with ex-Governor John Lee Carroll's family at Daughoregan Manor, near Ellicott City, Md.

The other object of her visit was to secure an establishment for her second son, who is to be married next month. The son is the Hon. Michael Herbert, an attaché of the British Legation at Washington, and the lady he is to marry is Miss Lelia Wilson, of Virginia.

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Lady Herbert is devoting her time and her fortune to missionary work among the colored race. In conversation with a reporter of the Sun she said she could not understand the prejudice that existed in this country against the colored people, and could see no reason why they should not be admitted to full social equality.

Lady Herbert said she had a twofold object in visiting this country. In the first place she desired to visit the different colored missions and ascertain the progress made by the Catholic religion.

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