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AN ANTI-RELIGIOUS SCHEME.

The central fact which we pointed out in a recent article on the relations of Church and State in France, is the danger threatened not only to joice in public that the peril confronts the Catholic Church alone. Had he been a more intelligent observer he might have foreseen the position in which the Protestants of ment and four new men are introduc-Paris already find themselves plac-A Disestablishment Commission, presided over by M. Buisson, has begun its work of preparing a according to the view of the Chamber. To this Commission Premier Combes has sent a draft scheme of what he desires done. He wants more than the Commission will give and at least enough to arouse the hostility of French Protestantism. Churches, according to the instructions proposed, cannot organize under any form of central authority, cannot hold property, accumulate money or conform, as in

scheme may come to disaster. DIVORCE AND THE BENCH.

An essay on the divorce evil appears in the papers of the United States from Judge Gildersleeve of the Supreme Court. The past year's record of divorces in the neighboring country reached the startling figure of 60,000. In the State of Massachusetts there was one divorce to every 14 marriages. In the city of head and front of the story, is not Cleveland, which is by no means the in good health; and her attitude may banner hurg for divorces, there were over 1,500 applications, and a Cleveland judge who was kept busy granting these applications, went on record to the effect that a man is justified in getting drunk or seeking divorce from a nagging wife. Half the trouble with the people over the way may be traced to the levity disseminated from the bench. Judge Gildersleeve in his essay never rises above the level of wishy-washy emotion, of which the following is a sample:

"To-day the solving of the great problem among self-respecting gentlefolk lies in that unity of interest business. When the affections lag there is an interest in the worldly pursuits of the other that fill in that tell of another imminent outbreak of aching void that exists in certain dissension in Mr. Redmond's party. through life; a something to hold the man and woman together. And with it all you find an underlying strain of affection that bursts into flame sooner or later and saves the couple from divorce."

Have these people no serious sense of responsibility before God? Is this of the other leading members of the ripest wisdom the Supreme Court | the party are neither vital nor imof the United States can offer for the portant. They are confined entireheathen Rome knew?

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

the law as it stands to bring about his honest convictions as an Irish The CATHOLIC REGISTER PUBLISHING CO the necessary deterrent effect. The man and expect the sympathy not on trouble in the past has been, when- ly of enlighten d Protestants, but of ever corruption was exposed, that a enlightened Orangemen. The tremendous gabble was immediately dow of famine which is now appearraised by the politicians who freely ing in the west will rouse the expressed their most sorrowful con- triotism of these thinking Unionists. viction that to reach and punish the There is every reason to hope for offenders was wholly impossible. The Ireland's progress. office of the Minister of Justice stands too high to be affected by any dust so raised and the occupant of the office may be relied upon by the country to vindicate the law attacked with the most monstrous audacity.

THE ROSS CABINET.

The long-expected shuffle in the 6 Richmond Square Ross Cabinet has taken place. Stratton and Mr. Davis have resigned and Mr. Gibson relinquishes his portfolio but stays in the Cabinet. Mr. Latchford stands by the ship, and his decision is entirely to be approved for two reasons. In the first place his party wants him, and in the second there is not a better man available among the Irish-Catholic Liberals. This is the plain truth. We have heard a great deal of talk : but the talkers have not made an attempt to find another man. Mr. Latchford has taken the manly course. Apparently he was quite willing to get out; but stays at his post for the good of the party. In future as far as he is concerned, less fault-finding is likely to be

others are younger members of in the debates of recent sessions.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

Marquise des Monstiers-Merinville, who, as Miss Mary Gwendoline Caldfession of Augsburg, to their own University of Washington, is said to loggerheads with Combes, his grand accepting everything that has been like the language of a refined woman, and on the other hand the telegrams from Washington may be inspired more or less by hostility to the Catholic University, which, for some pitiful reason, seems to exist in quarters where such a feeling should not have been misrepresented. The New York Sun says of her:

"The Marquise returned to this country in January last without her husband and put up at the Buckingham Hotel. She was said to be suffering from a complication of diseases, and her life was despaired of. Her illness was brought on by nervous derangement. As a result, she lost her hearing for the time and was almost totally blind. When had recovered sufficiently to travel she was taken abroad again. Since then she has been reported to be more or less of an invalid."

WHAT'S IN THE WIND?

Despatches from Dublin this week

families: when the minds have be- There is no hint of such a calamity come tired of business, the affections in our latest Irish exchanges. The are appealed to again. And so on Nationalist ranks are closed up and the enthusiasm of the leaders higher than ever, owing to the splendid organization of the people, backed by a noble declaration of American and Canadian support. The differences of opinion that have prevailed between Mr. William O'Brien and some cure of social degeneracy as pitiful as ly to the terms upon which tenants in different parts of the country should purchase under the latest Land Act. There is no reason in the It is simply marvellous that the po- world why Mr. O'Brien may not sit litical reputation of Ontario has not on the councils of the party and hold collapsed under the repeated tarrings his own views upon this subject. of general elections and featherings But if dissension does not exist in of by-elections during the past decade. the National household, it is not The Eelleville exposure of bogus bal- difficult to locate it among the Unlot-boxes may be the dose this pro- ionists. Attorney-General Atkinson vince cannot stand. Indeed it looks and the Times have openly accused as if the limit had been reached. It Lord Dunraven and the Devolution- ports as to the health of the Pope, is an especially good sign that we lists of entering into a conspiracy it is reassuring to read the satishave not seen anywhere a suggestion with William O'Brien to betray the factory statement of His Holiness's about a commission to enquire into Union, and Lord Dunraven has re-the attempted frauds as in the larce plied that Mr. Atkinson is a liar dent of the Tablet sends to that Christ our Lord. Amen. the attempted frauds as in the large pried that Mr. Atkinson is a flar dear of the large pried that Mr. Atkinson is a flar

The Catholic Register disfigured the later record of On- been worth a week's purchase. But ences. cellent.

HON. MR. STRATTON'S RETIRE

The Peterborough Review, a strong Conservative journal, referring to Mr. Stratton's retirement, acknowcapacity, but the departmental strictness of the ex-Provincial Secretary It is pleasant to have this concession voluntarily from the political opponents of a man whose record in connection with the government of Ontario was singularly firm in regard to sectarian influence, which it is not too much to say is frequently if not constantly brought to bear upon all heads of government departments in this province and country. The fact is that the Hon. Mr. Stratton was broad-minded. liberal, and just in his attitude towards the religious minority in this province. While he has not shown Protestant temperament came to the they are to spiritual seances, or table favoritism in this regard, he has surface last week. Some Galacian tipping. The matter to which I realways taken the equitable view of Catholics were on trial at Winnipeg fer is what is known as fortune tell-legitimate claims of the minority (as acceptable to prince the legit ing. This seems to have an overlegitimate claims of the minority, for assaulting "a priest of the inde-powering fascination for great numhas meted out even-handed justice, and pendent Greek Church." Chief Jus- bers of Catholics, as well as for those one but to all forms of religious be- heard from the kerb-stone Cabinet- has been signally fair if not gener- tice Dubuc directed the jury to bring outside the Church. lief. A Protestant professor from makers who sanctify so much time ous, in both his official and personal in a verdict of acquittal upon a recommendation in Liberal Governor to the best interests of the people would form the budge directed the jury to bring outside the charge of the promoting the cause of better Capacities and always with a view question of law, but the jury unani-knows them; it is a necessary part tholic representation in Liberal Gov- to the best interests of the people mously found for a conviction. The of His emniscience. But can we of the Province at large. For this despatches in which the news is con- seriously believe, even for a mo-Mr. Latchford becomes Attorney- reason, but by no means solely for veyed plainly insinuate that the dir- ment, that the Lord is going to do General in the reconstructed govern- this reason, Mr. Stratton's retirement ection of the Chief Justice was dicthis reason, Mr. Stratton's retirement ection of the Chief Justice was dic-from the Government and public life tated by his own religious leanings, the fortune-teller's outfit? No one Rt. Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, D.D., ed, Mr. W. A. Charlton, who takes is to be extremely regretted. He has and some newspapers in Toronto surely does or can imagine such a the Commissionership of Public shown himself to be a most cap have lost no time in patting the jur-Works, formerly held by Mr. Latch- able, industrious, energetic and effi- ors on the back and telling them that ven, who share to some extent in neaford; Mr. A. G. McKay, Commiscient minister. The administration they are infallible. The incident knowledge of God, are going to use sioner of Crown Lands; Mr. G. P. of his many-sided department has in- would be ridiculous only for its warn- such means. No; a thousand times Graham, Provincial Secretary, and F. volved a large amount of ardnous ing that ignorant prejudice may still no! If God wills to reveal anything E. A. Evanturel, without portfolio. toil. His general discharge of the boldly bid for public sympathy against Of the new men Mr. Charlton and important trust reposed in him has the proper administration of the at any rate in some way worthy Mr. Evanturel are best known. The been marked by thoroughly business- law. We may say this without any His glory and majesty. the like methods and his capacity for or- knowledge of the facts of the case; assembly, who have made a mark ganization has been applied with the for when a judge directs a jury result that the machinery of his De- on the question of law, the adminispartment has been reduced to an ad- tration of justice becomes a farce mirably smooth working systsm with when jurors treat such direction from any real scientific or expert knowresults of the most gratifying char- the Court with contempt. acter, both from an administrative the case of the churches of the Con- well, richly endowed the Catholic point of view and from the point of view of the public interest concerned historic principles. The Lutheran have renounced the Catholic Faith Mr. Stratton's management of the Protestant Synod has drawn up a and published offensive statements public institutions of the province Pa., was in the city last week. strong protest, declaring for Protes- concerning the church. If press mes- has been gratifyingly successful. The Mrs. Chas. Maguire of Barrie spent tant liberty. Meanwhile the Catho- sages from Washington are to be be- greatly improved condition of the a few days in the city last week inmates, of the strength than could have been hoped the university buildings and she will buildings, of the efficiency of the for a few months ago, and with then demand the return of her mon- staff and of all the general features the Commission of the Chamber at ey. It is well to be cautious about of management are due to the untiring energy, close attention to depublished. The alleged interview tails, and systematic supervision with the Marquise reads wholly un that have been employed by the Minister. Under his management, the accommodation for unfortunates has been largely extended, and in all respects the public institutions of the province of all kinds are in greatly forth much interest. Much good better condition than they were when is likely to result in arousing a pro-Mr. Stratton took charge five years be entertained. In addition to all this regard and in respect leading to greater affectionate care being contributions from the Toronthis, the lady herself who is the office, the public have received splen- learn that a committee of active gen- gue, has been received. Enclosed did service, and it is to be added as tlemen has been formed to visit, en-please find formal receipt for same. did service, and it is to be added as enhancing the credit due to Mr. Catholic burial places in Canada. The country, I thank you sincerely for Stratton, that of the five millions of reports of this committee are to be

public service that have resulted.

as misspent or in the slightest de-

gree diverted from the purposes for

which it was appropriated. It must.

The Mayor and Controllers of To- tion, spoke for the opposition. ronto are /hastening on the invest- adjournment of the Debate was movment of \$1,000,000 of the taxpayers' ed by Bro. John T. Loftus, leader money in gas stock. It is good business for the gas company and a dubious experiment for the people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There was a decrease of 2,584 the population of Ireland during the quarter ending September 30th, though the death-rate was only 14.8. No fewer than 11,784 emigrants leit the country, an increase of 590 on the emigration returns for the corresponding period of 1903, and of 1,075 above the average of the third quarter for the ten years 1894-1903. decrease in population since the census year, 1901, is estimated at

In view of the recent alarmist reelections. On the contrary the Min- but for the position he holds. The ister of Justice has taken his own progressive landlords are putting up has not been a success. Every ish church at 7.30 o'clock on Thursinitiative and most of the accused candidates against Mr. Atkinson and now and then His Holiness suffers are now in jail. This is the hide-bound Grangemen in whose some inconvenience from a rheumatic repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Devine. The sanctuary boys are rebusiness. It is the only way to deal souls Lord Rossmore's letter has affection in one foot, and he has with criminals. There is nothing struck terror. Had Lord Rossmysterious in the problem of politic more a reaunclation been made fifty
cal corruption. All crimes that have means ago his life would not have even for a single day the usual audi-

ences. His general health is ex-

and Jap goes on. Who can picture the increasing horror of it? Here is an extract from a letter written by a soldier in General Taruhezeff's division describing the battle of Liao-Yang. "It was left to our men to World," under the heading "The Dekeep off the Japs under their Gener- vil and His Crew," on the evil of al Oku. They made six attacks upon superstition and fortune telling:1 us in two days. The slaughter was awful. In the third battalion were the danger involved in it. Many five men from Andreyevo, and all are of us are inclined to disregard it, to dead. Toporsky had his head taken think, and to say that these maniclean off by a shell, and the shell, without bursting, went on clean not all of them; and you can never ledges not only the administrative through his brother Luka. I myself know when you will meet the real saw Yakovleff bayonetted by a Jap, thing. You will say that 'even if we who stuck in his bayonet to the hilt, do, we are on our guard against it; and then gave a vell that made my it is not going to shake our faith.' and then gave a yell that made my Perhaps not; still one should not play blood run cold, Kuznetsoff, also from with fire. And even if it were ab-Andreyevo, was killed by a bullet solutely certain, not only that our which went into his mouth and faith would not be weakened, but stuck in the back of his neck. . . .

The Jap shrapnel and machine guns ourselves up with work of this kind I was the only man standing in that and in these affairs there is always part of the works. I nearly fainted, grave danger of this; and it is not and every time I saw the flash of a lawful, even though good may come gun said to myself, 'Thank God, I'm of it; we must not do evil that good dead at last!" This is war.

Dr. Alfred Shanacy, of Coatesville,

place of business from 161 Queen St. west, to larger premises at 249 Queen street west, which he has pur-

Interest is Aroused

We learn through some of our subscribers that the local paragraphs upon Catholic cemeteries published in our issue of Nov. 10th have called per pride in these "God's Acres," dollars that have passed through his published and will form not only inhands for expenditure on public ser- be historical chapters in the lives of teresting local matter, but will also vices, not a dollar can be pointed to those "gone before"

St. Helen's Court. C.O.F.

in these venal days, be a great The members of St. Helen Court source of satisfaction to a minister, commenced their series of lectures and laying aside the active duties of entertainments on 16th October, when office, to leave behind hom so they listened to a very entertaining fruitful service in the public interest. M. J. Quinn, Mechanical Superintenmost hard-worked and hard-working of Untario. At the meeting held on November

member of the Government is justified 20th a Mock Parliament was organby the efficiency, thoroughness and ized in which Bro. J. J. Ward acted promotion of the interest of the as Speaker and Bro. J. J. Downey as Clerk of the House. The address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was moved by Bro. F. A. O'Donnell and seconded by Bro. T. C. Tracey. Bros. J. F. Strickland and M. F. Mogan, leader of the opposi-

St. Mary's Sanctuary Boys, Toronto

At the monthly meeting of the St Mary's Sanctuary Boys' Society held yesterday, the following mortuary notice was unanimously adopted: Since the previous meeting of the

Society, Almighty God has been pleased to call to Himself the beloved mother of our esteemed fellow-member, Edward Devine. The members of our Society are

hereby reminded of a two-fold duty

of charity. They are invited to im-

plore our Heavenly Father to comfort the bereaved family, and to grant eternal rest to the soul of the de-Prayer of the Church for one's deceased mother. O God, who hast commanded me to honor my mother, have compassion on the soul of my mother, forgive her her sins; and

grant that I may see her in the joy

INVOKING THE DEVIL

The Sin of Those Who Try Seriously to The frightful struggle of Russian Ascertain the Future Through Fortune Telling

> Very Rev. George M. Searle, perior general of the Paulists, writes, in the November "Catholic"

"It is important for Catholics to understand this matter and to realize festations, and seances are all hum-

that it would even be strengthened by so doing, still the sin of mixing killed every man within ten yards of would remain the same. The real me, and for a quarter of an hour sin consists in having dealings wanmay come.

"The same may be said about an-What looks like a clear case of the Catholics are more inclined than other matter; and it is one to which

to us, He will do it by means of prophets evidently inspired by him, or "We may then confidently say that

any real or genuine fortune telling is the work of the devil. By fortune telling I mean all forecasting of the future, which does not come from ledge of the subject in general-such knowledge as the astrohomer, the weather man or the Wall street man obviously has. To try, then, seriously, to ascertain the future by fortune telling is implicitly to invoke

Toronto and the U.L.L.

Toronto, Nov. 4. Editor Catholic Register:

Dear Sir,—I enclose you herewith copy of letter received from the Treacopy of letter received from the Treacopy of letter received Irish League in (Signed) T. B. Fitzpatric, Treas. Editor Catholic Register: Boston, which you might kindly publish as a great many of the contributors would not otherwise knew that the money had been sent.

Yours truly, J. T. LOFTUS.

Boston, Nov. 16, 1904. John T. Loftus, Esq.,

Toronto, Canada. Dear Sir,-Your kind letter with enclosure of cheque for \$1,311.53, same manner

due to his masterly skill. Again I thank you for your very generous aid, and remain.

Very truly yours, T. B. FITZPATRICK. Treasurer.

Most Popular Book

It has become the custom to pick by the number of copies issued. Goand hundreds of thousands, Dodd's Almanac counts its annual circulation in millions and tens of millions. A copy of the 1905 edition has just come to hand, and it is filled as usual with useful information concerning the movements of the heavenly bodies, as well as the various important dates of the year, and a number of statements from different people

The true test of merit is time, and they were known only to one scientific man who had spent the best years of his life in their discovery. something practical would be done to Their growth in the public estimasolve what might be called the protion was slow at first, but gathered in speed and strength as it grew. It is noted in this year's Almanac there are letters of appreciation from Denmark in the north of Europe, to Egypt, away below the line that marks the southern boundary line of

So Dodd's Kidney Pills have grown on their merit. To-day the Canadian public use ten times as many of them as they did a few years ago. And this little book has become an annual and welcome visitor, not only in every home in Canada, but in al-

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\$15,000 for Mr. Redmond

Contributions aggregating \$15,800 to the Irish Parliamentary Fund were forwarded to Ireland from Boston on the 18th inst. The gift was accom-

Bishop of Raphoe; Hon. John R. Redmond, M.P., chairman Irish party; Alderman Stephen O'Mara, Limerick, trustees Irish Parliamentary Fund, Dublin, Ireland:

Gentlemen,-Enclosed please find draft for two thousand pounds (£2,000) which, together with the one thousand pounds (£1,000) forwarded a few days ago, makes three thousand pounds (£3,000, or \$15,800) forwarded within a week.

This I am enabled to do through the splendid remittance of \$12,000 from the good people of Philadelphia and the generous contribution of \$1,-311.53 from the patriotic sympathizers of the home rule movement in Toronto, Canada.

We are gratified to learn that other sections of our country are preparing to follow the good example set Philadelphia, Toronto and other places so creditably heard from. With this disposition of co-operation so manifest, it is reasonable to believe that the amount pledged at the cent convention will be realized within a comparatively short space of time. With kind regards, I re-

The Distress in the West

Following up a series of alarming reports in the press of Ireland concerning the shadow of distress in the West, consequent upon the failure of the crops, a well-informed correspondent, writing from Foxford, County Mayo, testifies that "the failure of the potato crop is very marked and worse than in any years in the past." At a meeting of the Execulive of the Town Tenants' League in Dublin recently, numerous letters were re-As Treasurer of the League in this ceived from branches and towns in the West drawing attention to the this very substantial evidence of general depression which prevails your co-operation in Ireland's nation- there, and urging the necessity for al cause. This is not the first nor combining this winter to secure the second evidence that the good reasonable abatements in rents. Mr. people of Toronto have given of their Briscoe, the hon. secretary of the sympathy with this great national organization, said he had made caremovement. At different times before ful inquiries during his recent visit it has helped in the most generous to Connacht, and there could be no doubt that great lack in business Aside from this, the cause of Home prevailed in the towns. In places Rule in Ireland has received a very like Ballyhaunis, Westport, and Casgreat stimulus on account of being therea there was not an urgent but championed by that great states a general necessity for abatements excellent a record of honest, effective and instructive lecture on "The Art Edward Blake. In season and out of In several districts the potato crop season, he has devoted his match- was this year a complete failure. less ability to the attainment of The tubers were so bad as not to The claim that Mr. Stratton was the dent of the Public Works Department this great end, and all the members pay for the labor or digging them who have come over here have as- out; but this had to be done to sured us that much of its success was prepare for next year's oat crop. In his opinion, the land in some parts of Mayo was of so little value that if any rent at all was charged it should be nominal. It was pitiable to look at the Connacht peasants endeavoring to keep body and soul together on a few acres of stony land and reclaimed bog. This con-dition of affairs all tended to keep back the towns, and something should be done to save the people of the most popular books of the year, town and country in the West. In his opinion the cure was first to ing by this standard, probably the compulsorily break up and divide the most popular book in the world is rich grazing ranches, and secondly, bodd's Almanac. Where other books to start small industries for the figure their editions by thousands manufacture of articles of every-day use. Half the money that was at present wasted by Castle boards properly applied would establish new industries and revive dying industries, would give employment to hundreds of young men and women, who each week left Ireland, simply because the management of the industrial development of the country was in the hands of men who were eithin Canada, that give some idea of the er fools or worse. Men had come to him in the West of Ireland who had sons growing up. There was no land to put them on, nor industries. surely Dodd's Kidney Pills have stood to employ them, and as they did not the test of time. Fourteen years ago want to leave Ireland he had promised them to bring the matter before the Executive in the hope that

E. A. ENGLISH

blem of the West.