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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 one but to all forms of religious belief.

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.

"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 aching void that exists in certain families; when the minds have become tired of business, the affections are appealed to again.

Have these people no serious sense of responsibility before God? Is this the ripest wisdom the Supreme Court of the United States can offer for the cure of social degeneracy as pitiful as heathen Rome knew?

POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

It is simply marvellous that the political reputation of Ontario has not collapsed under the repeated rappings of general elections and featherings of by-elections during the past decade.

disfigured the later record of Ontario as sufficiently punishable by the law as it stands to bring about the necessary deterrent effect.

THE ROSS CABINET.

The long-expected shuffle in the Ross Cabinet has taken place. Mr. Stratton and Mr. Davis have resigned and Mr. Gibson relinquishes his portfolio but stays in the Cabinet.

Mr. Latchford becomes Attorney-General in the reconstructed government and four new men are introduced, Mr. W. A. Charlton, who takes the Commission of Public Works, formerly held by Mr. Latchford; Mr. A. G. McKay, Commissioner of Crown Lands; Mr. G. P. Graham, Provincial Secretary, and F. E. A. Evanturel, without portfolio.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

Marquise des Monstiers-Mertville, who, as Miss Mary Gwendoline Caldwell, richly endowed the Catholic University of Washington, is said to have renounced the Catholic Faith and published offensive statements concerning the church.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND?

Despatches from Dublin this week tell of another imminent outbreak of dissension in Mr. Redmond's party. There is no hint of such a calamity in our latest Irish exchanges.

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 sins; and grant that I may see her in the joy of eternal brightness.

been worth a week's purchase. But to-day in Ireland he is able to express his honest convictions as an Irishman and expect the sympathy not only of enlightened Protestants, but of enlightened Orangemen.

HON. MR. STRATTON'S RETIREMENT.

The Peterborough Review, a strong Conservative journal, referring to Mr. Stratton's retirement, acknowledges not only the administrative capacity, but the departmental strictness of the ex-Provincial Secretary.

Personal

Dr. Alfred Shanacy, of Coatesville, Pa., was in the city last week. Mrs. Chas. Maguire of Barrie spent a few days in the city last week.

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 forth much interest.

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

The members of St. Helen Court commenced their series of lectures and entertainments on 16th October, when they listened to a very entertaining and instructive lecture on "The Art of Heating and Ventilating."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Mayor and Controllers of Toronto are hastening on the investment of \$1,000,000 of the taxpayers' money in gas stock.

There was a decrease of 2,584 in the population of Ireland during the quarter ending September 30th, though the death-rate was only 14.8.

In view of the recent alarmist reports as to the health of the Pope, it is reassuring to read the satisfactory statement of His Holiness's condition, which the Rome correspondent of the Tablet sends to that journal.

ences. His general health is excellent.

The frightful struggle of Russian 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 Taruberev's division describing the battle of Liaoyang.

What looks like a clear case of the Protestant temperament came to the surface last week. Some Galician Catholics were on trial at Winnipeg for assaulting "a priest of the independent Greek Church."

Toronto and the U.L.L.

Toronto, Nov. 4. Editor Catholic Register: Dear Sir,—I enclose you herewith copy of letter received from the Treasurer of the United Irish League in Boston, which you might kindly publish as a great many of the contributors would not otherwise know that the money had been sent.

Most Popular Book

It has become the custom to pick the most popular books of the year, by the number of copies issued. Going by this standard, probably the most popular book in the world is Dodd's Almanac.

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"Certainly it is possible for Almighty God to tell our fortunes; He knows them; it is a necessary part of His omniscience. But can we seriously believe, even for a moment, that the Lord is going to do this by means of tea leaves or a pack of cards, or any other part of the fortune-teller's outfit?"

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 year in the past."

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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 accompanied by the following letter:

Boston, Nov. 18, 1904. Rt. Rev. Patrick O'Donnell, D.D., 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.

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