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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.

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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.

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. Mr. J. J. O'Hearn has removed his place of business from 161 Queen St. west, to larger premises at 249 Queen street west, which he has purchased.

EDITORIAL NOTES

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

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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 Tarubereff's division describing the battle of Liaoyang.

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

Personal

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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."

At the meeting held on November 20th a Mock Parliament was organized in which Bro. J. J. Ward acted as Speaker and Bro. J. J. Downey as Clerk of the House.

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.

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.

INVOKING THE DEVIL

The Sin of Those Who Try Seriously to Ascertain the Future Through Fortune Telling.

Very Rev. George M. Searle, superior general of the Paulists, writes in the November "Catholic World," under the heading "The Devil and His Crew," on the evil of superstition and fortune telling.

"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?"

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.

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 being contributions from the Toronto Branch of the United Irish League, has been received.

As Treasurer of the League in this country, I thank you sincerely for this very substantial evidence of your co-operation in Ireland's national cause. This is not the first nor the second evidence of the great sympathy with this great national movement.

Aside from this, the cause of Home Rule in Ireland has received a very great stimulus on account of being championed by that great statesman from your good city, the Hon. Edward Blake. In season and out of season, he has devoted his matchless ability to the attainment of the great end, and all the members who have come over here have assured us that much of its success was due to his mastery skill.

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

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.

The true test of merit is time, and surely Dodd's Kidney Pills have stood the test of time. Fourteen years ago they were known only to one scientific man who had spent the best years of his life in their discovery.

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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.

We are gratified to learn that other sections of our country are preparing to follow the good example set by Philadelphia, Toronto and other places so creditably heard from.

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."

At a meeting of the Executive of the Town Tenants' League in Dublin recently, numerous letters were received from branches and towns in the West drawing attention to the general depression which prevails there, and urging the necessity for combining this winter to secure reasonable abatements in rents.

Mr. Ericsson, the hon. secretary of the organization, said he had made careful inquiries during his recent visit to Connacht, and there could be no doubt that great lack in business prevailed in the towns. In places like Ballyhaunis, Westport, and Castlelrea there was not an urgent but a general necessity for abatements in rents of town as well as country.

In several districts the potato crop was this year a complete failure. The tubers were so bad as not to pay for the labor or digging them out; but this had to be done to prepare for next year's oat crop. In his opinion, the land in some parts 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.

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