

S. Bridgid--Altera Maria

BRIDGID was born of noble parents at Faughar, near Dundalk, a few years after the great S. Patrick had arrived on his mission to Ireland.

She chose for her cell a hollow oak tree, hence called Killdara or Kildare, and here she founded the first Irish nunnery. She died in the year 528.

At a Synod held near Kildare, says an old legend, during the lifetime of the Saint, one of the Fathers declared that he had seen a vision, and that the Blessed Virgin would on the morrow appear among them.

Canada and Ireland

The following appears in The Dublin Freeman's Journal.

Sir--In a recent issue of The Freeman's Journal were reproduced articles of The London Globe and St. James' Gazette, both commenting in severe terms on the presence of the Canadian Premier and two colleagues at a luncheon given in honor of Mr. Redmond, and at his subsequent meeting at Ottawa.

You are aware that there was a time -- and not so long ago -- when Canada was governed by statesmen residing in London, and that the administration machinery of that day did not operate smoothly -- the oil of justice was wanting.

The sorrows and sufferings of Ireland are felt in every portion of the Empire, and Canadians are not prepared to accept as a pretext for the prolongation of such sufferings the bold and false statement that Irishmen are unfit to administer the affairs of their own country.

and no Cabinet since Confederation in 1867 has been considered complete without a representative Irishman. Mr. Redmond went to Canada as the envoy of Ireland, as the champion of the great truth that the men who are able to shape the destinies of other countries are able and ought to be allowed to direct the affairs of their own.

Mr. Redmond's views on the war. What about Mr. Morley? We all know what his views are, and if he went to Canada would it be Sir Wilfrid's duty to shut the door in his face? Nonsense; and any way our friends on the other side of the sea -- if the conflicting views of their writers, the divergent statements of some of their leaders; the oppressive silence of others; the outspoken criticisms of many, offer an indication of the state of things -- would do well to establish order in their own house before undertaking to regulate the views of Mr. Redmond in regard to the war or any other subject.

If Sir Wilfrid Laurier has the right to send men and money to help the Empire, he is also well within his right in venturing an opinion on what is good for an important portion thereof. He has more than the mere right; he has the mature experience which is so necessary to advise well in a matter of such importance; and, therefore, he acted wisely in going to Mr. Redmond's meeting.

help the particular party in power he may be fighting. For many years Sir Wilfrid was the leader of an opposition, and on no occasion did he come to the rescue of his enemy. The greater the latter's plight and trouble the more sunny became his smile, and I cannot recall that he ever advised his followers to pull coals out of the opponents' fire or approved of their course when they did. So I say Sir Wilfrid is in a position to accurately judge the situation and to make due allowance for honest difference of opinion.

The Canadian Premier, who enjoys immense popularity, and perhaps still greater personal popularity in Canada, had two good reasons to urge him to go to the meeting in question. There is no doubt that he is a loyalist, that he admires the Englishman, and that he has faith in the Empire, but he is anxious that all parts should be treated alike, that even-handed justice should be meted out, and he wants the Empire to rest upon a foundation of truth, honor and justice -- not injustice.

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The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE... DEVOTED TO... FOREIGN NEWS

ROME DIED IN 1900.

The "Propaganda Fide" has just compiled the yearly statistics of missionaries who have died throughout the world during the year 1900. Nothing could be more interesting reading than the account of how these brave soldiers of the Cross met their deaths while fighting for the Faith and for the salvation of their brethren in distant lands.

IRELAND CAUGHT IN AN ACT OF SACRILEGE

A despatch from Kanturk, Co. Cork, says: Owing to the recent sacrilegious outrages in the South, a police patrol has been concealed inside the Kanturk Catholic Church for some nights past with a view to entrapping the miscreant should he pay that church a visit.

The constables sprang from their hiding places and closed with the ruffian, who was of immense proportions. A desperate struggle ensued, during which Constable Sullivan's left hand forefinger was bitten off.

ENGLAND THE NEW EDUCATION BILL.

There is no little speculation, says The Catholic Times, as to the provisions of the Education Bill which the Government intend to introduce next session. A correspondent of The Manchester Guardian gives a forecast based upon special enquiries with regard to the intentions of Ministers.

THE LATE CARDINAL MANNING.

On the anniversary of the death of Cardinal Manning, His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, attended by Monsignor Moyes, D. D. and Monsignor Poyer (Private Secretary), were present at a Solemn Requiem Mass, of which the Very Rev. Father Fanning was celebrant, Rev. Father Hogan deacon, and Rev. Father Gregson sub-deacon, was sung for the repose of the soul of the late Cardinal.

A STARTLING NEW DOCTRINE. Of the thousand and one sects professing some form or variation of Christian belief in America, the latest and most curious is that of the Association of Christian Brethren, whose somewhat startling doctrine is that millennium will take place in 1941, and

which were used in order to ruin a Catholic priest. All right-thinking religious men, both Catholic and Protestant, were relieved by the absolute and complete vindication of Dr. O'Haran's character on November 23 of last year the final stage was reached, and our Australian exchanges are full of the presentation and address made to Dr. O'Haran on that occasion.

To preserve themselves from the inundation they have built an ark, which is at present moored off St. Louis, on the Mississippi, and which has been christened the "Megiddo." It is a huge three-decker, not unlike an ordinary American steamboat in appearance, and contains 50 well-appointed staterooms, replete with every modern comfort.

"I can say sincerely that it has never been my privilege to perform a public duty with greater pride and with greater pleasure. The presentation is the culmination of a series of triumphs, and the result had proved the old saying about 'sweet are the uses of adversity.' Ugly and venomous as the recent trial had been, it, like the toad, bore a precious jewel in its head, for the result had proved the faith and fidelity of the Catholic people, and triumphantly vindicated Dr. O'Haran.

FRANCE RELIGIOUS EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

On Jan 10 the clergy of Paris and its suburbs were received at the Archbishop's House, Rue de Grenelle, by H. E. Cardinal Richard, M. Reinburg, Vicar of Notre Dame de la Gare, wished His Eminence the usual compliments, adding, "Mene nobiscum domine, quoniam adverseracit!"

"I am but a humble priest, a feeble child in the lap of the Church, and yet if any power is from God, why should I be made the wanton sport of wicked men? If I belong to God's anointed why should I cringe to any man? Yes, let me ask it once again -- we Catholics, Roman Catholics, Irish, Australian Roman Catholics -- what have we to fear? What have we to be ashamed of? We, who are born and nurtured in the bosom of the Mother Church of Christendom, we have naught to conceal, nothing to dread; we have everything to be justly proud of -- proud of our inviolable Catholic faith, proud of our grand old Mother Church with her holy ritual, with her pure doctrines, and with her sacred traditions and practices.

"The Novena devotions in honor of St. Genevieve, the patron saint of Paris, have been as usual well attended at the Church of St. Etienne du Mont. On Saturday last the President of the Irish College, Very Rev. Father Boyle, C. M., his staff, and his students took part in the services. On Sunday last the interesting Church of St. Etienne was crowded to its utmost capacity. The preacher, Father Bolo, delivered an eloquent sermon on "St. Genevieve and the supernatural energy of prayer."

AUSTRALIA PRESENTATION TO REV DR O'HARAN.

Scarcely a year ago the Catholic community in Australia, and its priesthood in particular, was under a dark and heavy cloud. An odious charge was brought against one of the best known and beloved Catholic priests of the Commonwealth, and after a sensational trial in the Divorce Court, Dr. O'Haran was triumphantly acquitted by a Protestant jury of his fellow-countrymen.

In another column will be found an advertisement of Lemaitre's Photographic Studio Mr. Lemaitre is one of Toronto's leading photographers. Anyone contemplating anything in the photographic line would do well to give him a call.

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