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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Pleasant it is to withdraw for jus a little while from the arena controversy and contemplate memories with which next Tuesday is so rich and fresh. Nor is Patrick's Day less a duty of love than a treasure of memory. Few of God's saints appeal to us as the patron saint of Ireland. His work and his zeal and his long, laborious life are woven in the rob of our people and the standard of our nation. His apostolate is our inheritance; his planting is our har-Many a teacher we have had and many a one has gone from Ireland's monasteries to kindle the light of learning in the halls of other lands-we have had but one father who in his power and his prayer and his administration brought forth unto Christ. There was that in the very land and in the genius of its people that caused the planted by St. Patrick to grow and produce fruit. Erin stood apart from the rest of Europe-its people even in their idolatry full of respect for virtue and order. The institutions of the clans and the civilization of their early laws fitted to receive the law of grace. No Roman legion had ventured there conquer and corrupt the race. It is an old story and familiar how St. Patrick, who had once been a slave in the country, returned with mitre and crozier, and how up and down the bleak mountain side and the

green vale he planted the cross in the hearts of the Irish the faith of Christ. Never did an apostle of did a people correspond more readily to the grace of God. From the day took the shamrock at his feet to explain the doctrine of the Blessed Trinity, when the light fell upon the darkened minds of the assembled chiefs from that day the light never left the hearts, of the people, nor the shamrock their bosom, patriotism have borne them up when all the rest of the world seemed to turn against from. Not only did the Irish receive the faith with remarkable readiness, they kept it with the of martyrs and spread it courage of martyrs and spread it with the zeal of apostles. History has many sorrows—perhaps few sad-der than the tale of Ireland's wrongs There is beyond all else the console tion of her faith. No people have long continued struggle verty and to steal by overtures what uld not be gained by open attack. There is no brighter, stronger glory for a nation than to stand for God's titude of an unconquerable race

pathy is voiced in the prayer which land and its sacred cause. Nor is it petition only. It is gratitide God for the gift of faith bestowed upon our people through St. Patrick, and preserved with courage and generosity by our fathers. Our duty is not limited to memory of and gratitude for, the past. The future will look to us as me look to those who went before us. It is our ho nor and our duty to hand to our children and our children's children the faith they valued highly and guarded so jealously. It is for us to practise that faith, show its principles in our life and duct, and bestow its unworldly glory upon those to whom it will be their richest treasure in time and eterni-

FAITH. The thoughts which St. Patrick's

Feast suggests to us cluster thickly around the virtue of faith that we cannot confine ourselves to few thoughts on the day itself. We do not for one moment imagin that Irish faith is essentially dif ferent from that of other nations. There are marks, however, which owing partially to character partially to circumstances of were brought out into brighter light and bolder relief than amongst others. Faith is characterized by implicity, by a sensitiveness in regard to the truths, the interests and the laws of the Church. Whenever we find that simplicity and sensitiveness we admire the liveliness of faith which they indicate. It is not question of superstition, or believing which has no founda in something tion. It is the intellectual assent of a religious people. It is the worship of the most loyal hearts Church has ever known-loyal here or there, not for two or three renerations, but ever since the gos pel was first preached to them Faith is the warm fervor of will power which rules all human action it amongst the Irish-So was strong-willed determined people ever faced death or danger. Faith is light and service; it guides the reason in thinking and directs moral powers in conduct, and fills the heart with a spirit of personal devotion to Almighty God, ing that any defection or denial, be in heart or before men, must be an offence against the good God. How all that is told in the lives of countless hidden Irish saints is the testimony of the wide world. No other light shone through the darkness except faith-and no other master did the Irish serve with such Simplicity and sensitiveness we have said were the special characteristics the spirit of sacrifice.

thing rather than openly deny their doming their faith they should faith, but this spirit manifested it- turn to the self in the minor trials of life. Here we may well compare them with Let us take attendance turn to ourselves. They would think nothing of walking miles and miles. Neither cold tian It was their kept them at home. simplicity in regarding only the wor- true in heart. Obedience is ship of God; it was their sensitiveness in reference to the commands of day than when the law the Church, their joy in finding they promulgated: "He that heareth you, had some obstacles to overcome the act of obedience. Their faith was fervant, ours is cold. Their re ligion, deeply seated in their souls tingled in every nerve and was rediscourse gave utterance to the funsponsive to all the chords of life. Not so with us. We are more cal-culating: we count what we give and mark the teachings of Christ as has not been done in the halls of Almighty God. We are shallow in our piety, and are far from being impressed with the fear of God which with our fathers was the beginning of wisdom. Our faith lacks of with pure Catholic doctrine, whilst his colleagues for years had advocatwith pricity—we are so ready to judge and criticize that we scarcely avoid questioning God's holy will. Nor are we nearly so sensitive about the interests of our Blessed Lord and His Church. If we suspected He was calling us to a religious life, instead of rejoicing we should feel sad. In many other ways we show that while we love our Lord's kingdon we are frequently wondering what He is going to give us for the little we do for Him. Another defect our cold faith shows is our slight love of prayer. We can hardly call it love at all. Yet the one consolation our fathers had in their sorrows, the one help to preserve in the restrict of the standard and developers and a new sect whose foundations will be in negations." Add: or in other words, "become an ardent reformer, a fervent Protestant, the interference of anti-Christian policy. It might mean with Mons. Mourgue's scoloring Calvanism. But Calvanism is not the teaching of Christ. Its doctrine of original sin, its demial of intrinsic justification, its confusion of free will with liberty from compulsion and its repulsive fatalism are all most unchristian in their origin and explanation. Even though doctrine found a new sect whose foundations will be in negations." Add: or in other words, "become an ardent reformer, a fervent Protestant, the more numerous the negations the interference of anti-Christian policy. It might mean with Mons. Mourgue's scoloring Calvanism. But Calvanism is not the teaching of Christ. Its doctrine of original sin, its demial of the church and some and in the church and some and the practice of religion against the interference of anti-Christian policy. It might mean with Mons. Mourgue's coloring Calvanism. But Calvanism is not the teaching of the church and such that while we love our provents we show that while we love our provents we show that while we love our standard in the interference of anti-Christian policy.

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Catholic events it is quite a differ- Calvinism, ent task. Statements are intslead changing, facts distorted, and around all thus there is thrown a cloud of ins ing, indefinite suggestion which leads neither in the beginning, nor eve and is intended to lead, the ordinary hearer or reader to think that much its followers or caused fear amount darker things lie back of what has its opponents. It will be always, in been actually said. A case in point is given us by a Rev. Mourgue, a France to follow Voltaire than Cal-French Presbyterian, who lectured vin. lately on "The religious problem in France." France was, he maintained, awakening. That is not bad as not that France far as it goes ever so dull and dead asleep good works were not most energeti and prosperous through her borders and especially in her cities. other than that implied by Mourque: He would have us lieve that the country having for so many centuries in the cot of Catholicism is now rousing to one or other of the sects. is nonsense-a tale told four thous and miles away from the ground to tickle the ears of a few Canadians and convince them that they getting value for their money. us proceed with his statements due order. France, he says, within an ace of once being a Protestant nation. There is no evidence of it in history. If the gentleman refers to the Gallican movement we may admit that France narrowly escaped falling into schism. far from abandoning the faith, ritual and discipline of the Church to take up Calvanism, Anglicanism, or any of the fallacies which had seduced the other nations, and robbed their people of their religion. might have been had not Bossuet saved the situation, it is hard The danger of France following the example of England under Henry VIII. was not so grave as apprehended. France has always her heart been attached to the Holy See, and never could be dragged into schism, much less into heresy. Revolution, Napoleon, and now the Republic have not accomplished what the pigmics going about this country would be only too glad to see. three trying crises the faith and piety ness dealings, bespeak an intelligent of the nation began to revive. It is and fearless adjustment in all matreviving now amidst the hardships of poverty and the cunning of publican masters. Its renewal gives no sign of Calvanistic return in a country whose Protestant population will not amount to one million. Nor is there an example in history of a nation situated as France is exchanging Catholicism for Protestantism Nations and rulers have encourage

love and sacrifice as Almighty God. Catholics to become Protestants, but it was in passion and pride when the rulers themselves set the of Irish faith. We might well add ample. Neither pagan Rome of old only or modern pagan France held out to they ready to sacrifice every- Catholics the suggestion that abanturn to the simplicity of "purest Christianity." The next The movement, according to Mons. Morgue, "is a simplest Christian princi at Mass. How highly they value it. ples." Here is this indefiniteness to which we referred. When have Chrisprinciples become complex? nor heat, nor fatigue of any kind Faith and love are still the principle and law of all that is just and where more preached or practised to-

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the one side and only a just use on the other, a struggle in she wealth strove to suborn porty and to steal by overtures what all most one help to preserve and animate their faith was their spirit and habit of prayer. In the spiritual life prayer and faith act and react upon each other. Come to think about it we are far from the and to adhere to Christ's urch. Ireleand against the Danes at against the Danes at against the English is the form which faithful fathers hand with the service of an unconquerable race cose victory is in the endless combined with the service of a with the structure of the structure of the service of the structure of the

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(The Catholic Register.)

Much talk both in the press and on the street is heard at this moment, pertaining to fresh appointments on the Railway Commission, due to the vacancy made recently by the death of Judge Killam. The moment is opportune to remind ourselves that up to the present no English-speaking Catholic has had place on this Board. Though the omission could not fail Though the omission could not rain to strike any who give public affairs the consideration due them, yet as long as the old order existed un-ehanged by the falling off of any of no action was taken Now, however, it would be supine ness amounting to criminal indifference, were we not to advance a claim which from all counts is justly ours

Railway affairs are not so well managed that we can afford to overlook the chance to avail ourselves of Catholics in the past have too often had no mention either on this Commission or in the affairs of this Com the road. Compensation can now be made. A technical knowledge which nothing but length of experi ence along a special line of work can give, is necessary to the success of any board such as the Commission in Among Catholics the posessors of this requisite knowledge the requisite knowledge. In Toronto are not wanting. In Toront have one who is perhaps better ped by reason of his long and able connection with railway inter ests, than any to be found elsewhere ests, than any to be found escaped; for a place on the Commission. That this gentleman will not be over-looked when the appointments are being made is what we confidently believe. His past experience, which gives him a knowledge of every tail in the work upon which Commission would be called to judicate, bear testimony to his esteem in which he is th whom he has busiters upon which he might be calle upon to act. That his claims not be overlooked in this connection

the conclusion to which rward with all confidence As the gentleman in question well known to the True Witness, we thoroughly endorse The Catholic Register in its article urging his ap-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

La Presse runs sometimes short of wheelbarrow and salt bag items, half-page alleged illustrations big clear type. On these occasions the miseries of the courts are shown up, and when wanting in facts . the allotted space is filled in with cheap fiction, in most cases insulting Irish blood. Last Monday's contains the interesting news Bridget Mooney, a an, took an overdose liquor, and for this the flower Green Erin, as La Presse calls her, is sent down to Fullum street (a quarter of a column).

Mr. Ferguson, another alleged Irishman, figures a little lower down in the interesting article, and pays for the music of St. Patrick's Day the morning

An editorial in last Monday's Daily Witness deals with the excommunication of Abbé Loisy and winds up Christ have much pleasure in completing. The Witness says: "So nothing, it the return of the fathers who had seems will serve him (the Abbe Loisy or Mr. R. J. Campbell, it is not clear which), if we are to trust the telegraphic despatches, but to found a new sect whose foundations ral interpretations. It might mean Loisy or Mr. R. J. Campbell, it is that the Professor had come out not clear which), if we are to trust found a new sect whose foundations will be in negations." Add: or in

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twenty in the old parish church of St. Philip's of Richmond. Her hus-band died forty years ago, and left her, a comparatively young woman, with a family of nine children for whom to provide. Though the task was great she was equal to it. Her predominant, characteristic was predominant characteristic was her great and practical attachment to her holy faith. Her confidence in God and her simple, childlike trust in Him to bring her safely through all difficulties was indeed an admirable example of the grand old faith and practical Catholicity. Neither is it any mere flattery of the living to say that she imbued her children with the same sublime trust in the great Creator in whom we all should confide. Two of her children preceded her to the grave. The first, Catherine, was called while yet in the years of childhood; and the other the late Mrs. Eliza Fagan, widow of the late James Fagan, died about ten years ago at her home on Camthe late James Fagan, died ten years ago at her home on bridge street, Ottawa. Four and three daughters survive Weathers. These are John of Cobalt, Ont.; Walter on the old home stead of the family, Peter and liam, who reside in the We States; Mrs. James Murphy, of vard street, Montreal, and vard street, Montreal, and Mrs Hayes and Mrs. Curley, of Ottawa. Mrs. Weathers lived to see, in ne small numbers, her children's chi

she was beloved by them all. left also two living sisters, James Fitzgerald, of Richmond rish, Ont., and Mrs. Simeon Mears, of Knox, North Dakota. One sister and two brothers went before her the way of all flesh. These were Mrs. Alex. Emery of Ashton, Ont., and Walter and William Cavanagh, late of Goulbourn Township, Carle ton Co., Ont.

The funeral Mass and the last sad rites over the remains of the deceased lady were performed by Ray Father Brownrigg at the old paris church of St. Philip of Richmond Though it was the depth of winte Though it was the depender of winter and notwithstanding the desperade storms that prevailed, a long line of sympathizing friends and neighbors followed the remains to their last resting-place beside her late hus-May her soul rest in peace ART. McMORROUGH.

The Faith in Italy.

(From "Rome.") Here is a Christmas story

Here is a Christmas story, whot labors under two great disadvanages, for it is true and it happened only last week. It was Christmas Eve and the Redemptorist community of San Michele at Pagani had made constitutions and the control of the control everything ready for the midnight festival. It is no stretch of the imagination to suppose that as they decked the church and passed to and fro in front of the altar where lies the body of St. Alphonsus Maria di Lignor, they must have thought of Liguori, they must have thought the saint every now and then—the enthusiasm of his preaching used to excite, especially at Christmas, among the simple folk in the whole countryside around Naples, and how he himself used to lead them in his own lovely hymn to the Divine cn-fant.

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ne most successful t. Patrick's T. A. held in recent year of the hall was to most to accommod of the Society and had assembled to e and to honor the r Matthew.
The President, I The President, I

nell, in an appropp-comed those present of the society. In remarks he called a good work done by ing the sixty-eight istence, and of the ing one of its men other consideration noble object of membership in this the means to man attaining greater swould otherwise h

Owing to his bei tend a meeting els sident was replace der of the evening Walsh, who was a charge of his dut committee.

The usual number been played, refres ed, and the results

were announced by Shane, Pastor of McShane expi ant evening to a

A Sudden

"The leaves of the low shall fad Be scattered ar be laid;
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The death of Mr unexpected and ve at Three Rivers, Cultimo. Mrs. The est daughter of 'Carleton Place, O Carleton Place, O twenty-three year time of her death. Mr. Emile Thevier about eighteen me deceased left one seph, who, howeve mother a day is in the last sweet heride her

in the last sweet beside her.

Although there for alarm until w her demise, Mrs. left till the last; warning of the p fatal trouble. H mother demanded crifice, but she gl iself upon the alt than waver for a hesion to the sou ciples in which si ciples in which Church and had mother in Carlett see her. Her en peaceful. Her mospital where he just as the bells knell for the dea The young won probable outcome dition, requeste

