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Isbury, would settle the Irish Australia. Left to the management most probably have continued to fol- A few days after this speech was Salisbury, would be the stand passed. Mr. of our own affairs, the advantages question, have more than passed. Mr. of our own affairs, the advantages low Mr. Gladstone's lead in Irish delivered in the House of Deputies Gadstone, Mr. Parnell, Lord Salis- of the connection are too patent not affairs had he not been thrown in op- the Government let it be known that have gone to their rest. Home to be realized. We in Ireland have position, partly through the influence have gone to their reserve of record of self-centred nationality to of the permanent officials through plied with the utmost tact and these nen much as it did twenty years The demand for it is not acmied by violence and disorder; therefore Englishmen do not now feel necessity. A Liberal Ministry is in office. Lord Aberdeen has never of the clearly defined, incorpois office. Lord Aberdeent. There is rating character of the union Ireland lord, and his temants have agreed as attempt to force open the tabernacles turned as Lord Lieutenant.

turned as Lord Lieutenant here that generally would be willing to accept. to the sale and purchase of an esundoubtedly would have led to results have agreed as accept. The sale and purchase of an esundoubtedly would have led to results have agreed as accept. It is unfortunate that, in the distance that the Castle had sistance that would have taken on there was award was the dis-fur. Gladstone and his party were cussion of ten and twenty years ago, in power. It is true that Mr. Morley, the connection of Norway-Sweden cussion of ten and twenty years ago, Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Bryce and others who have ever and Austria-Hungary were cited in ince and all along shown the clearest favor of the union then contemplated conception of the necessity for radi between England and Ireland. den and Norway have separated; there is a chronic state of unrest behanges in Irish affairs, are now in the Ministry; but, as I have intimated, they are not backed by the tween Austria and Hungary. enthusiasm that prevailed in Eng-land in the eighties. On both sides Unionists are now naturally pointing with effect to the denouement beof the channel we are older and gravtween those countries as the one cerer. Seeing the peace that prevails tain result from material alteration here, the creditable mariner in which in the present relations of England county and local government comand Ireland. mitted to the people has been man-One of the strangest transforma aged, and the better knowledge that tions that have ever occurred in prevails of the country through its public life has been performed having been opened up as a tourist William O'Brien, once the spoiled resort, it is impossible that the for- darling of the Irish people, the emmer fierce opposition to Home Rule, todiment of the idea of unity and the essentially iniquitous discipline, the reuniter of character of our people, could be after the Parnell split, the founder maintained. On the other hand, the attitude of our members towards years ago he differed from three-the education question in England fourths of his colleagues, including the stream question in Fage of the ablest of them, upon a question or English Liberal friends that is not likely ever to be fully eradicated. life," "effaced himself," stopped the not likely ever to be tally the last of his as a subsection of the plant of his tion. theoretically holds its old place and paper, The Irish People. This "remeany members as formerly are tirement," and "effacement" soon s many members as formerly are urement, and enacement soon lege would be legalized in the Unit his last moments, through his depended thereto, the inclination to resolved themselves into a torrent of securific much for it has somewhat speech and oceans of print in virulent Republic that could be done legally be resigned himself be the Divine will

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It is best that these opinions should openly expressed—that English should realize that Home Tales

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Through his marriage with a weal-

thy Russian lady he has large re-

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To brace Ireland up for the elec-The Gaelic League has been policy of the country, a convention an important influence for good in the was lately held under the presidency a important innuence for good in the was lately held direct this presented on the presenting of Mr. Redmond and the Lord Mayor instructions which we gave on the country, giving the rising generation of Mr. Redmond and the Lord Mayor instructions which we gave on the subject in our communication published in the Semaine Religiouse of a reland to find men wielding such most parts of Ireland—a smaller squestioned power as did O'Connell proportion of them them usual from representative and moved of the Blessed Saxament to a small pension by the Imperial etheir dread of their Catholic the weightiest of the conventions place of safety. We wish to add here vices. At that time the conventions button than ever before prevailing all classes in the community that the present Castle regime must be changed. The workings of different laid laws, of a different system of county government and education, the above of the county government and education. a large proportion of thoughtful and and must not permit others to open responsible mes to the frent. Eleven it " responsible mes to the front, Elever-hundred of the delegates were of this ulass. Sixty-three Irish members were present, and nearly three hundred present, and nearly three numerous Catholic clergy. There was a sprink-ling of Protestants. The proceedings leaded two days and were harmoniclear that a solemn duty rested upon the clergy and the faithful to resist to the utmost any attempt of an an archestic government to insult our before as an "irreducible minimum," was demanded. The usual popular measures concerning land, laborers' dwellings, and education were ventilated. Irish politiciams are satisfied with Campipull-Bannerman's declarations so far. They have, however, been chilled by the admissions of Mr. Morley and others, whom they most depend upon, that the Irish question is its yide same is not now pressing. Air Bryce is one of Ireland's most convinced friends. Many regret that he is coming over as Chief Secretary, in the administration of the present. antionality. A not insignificant hody of our young mentheir sentiments to our young mentheir sentiments to our young mentheir sentiments to our young mentheir sentiments and the columns of an able weekly. The United Irishmen now age in favor of separation from England, at least on the Austro-Hungarian model, as the only satisfactory settlement. They heap ridicule on the Parliamentary Party, and stignatize Gladstonian Home Rasis and set shadowy pationality.

way, and Austria and Hungary, were character of Irish Castle government. Mr. Downes Martin, a Tipperary land had been reached by Catholics. Ar issued private instructions to the the shape of a civil war. It was this Estates Commissioners that wherever tion on the part of the tenants, sales Masonic Government of France from were tobe indefinitely postponed. Two crowning their many outrages against policemen have sworn that there was the Catholic religion by the supreme intimidation in this case. The land one of breaking open the tabernacles. lord, his agents, and the tenants all declare there had been none, that the arrangements between them been freely and openly come to. The two policemen are believed, and the sale of the estate against the desires tenants is broken off.

#### FRENCH CATHOLICS' LIMIT OF ENDURANCE.

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Let us imagine for a moment either Congress or State Legislature enacting a law empowering assessors to ithat counts hereafter, but a life well force their way into Catholic churches and to open by force, if need be, the Christian virtues. Such a life was of the genuine grit of personal ambition tabernacles to ascertain the number that spent by the late Walter Mcand commercial value of the chalices as a preliminary to their confisca-

It is conceivable that such a sacritabernacles will not be broken open truth an organization in opposition will be only because the Government fears that such proceedings would the pious practice of receiving Holy lead to resistance on the part would be shocked by such a gross the sympathy of the whole communisacrilege.

What would happen if the separation law were strictly enforced may ciful to his departed soul. be surmised from a note of the Archbishop of Lyons, which appeared in Never shall his memory fade the Semaine Religiouse of Lyons in Fondest thoughts for him will linger the early part of this month. is more generally really alive than flon, to test the strength of Mr. the inventories," writes the A. Education has been doing its O'Brien's following, to define the bishop, "provided for by the law the inventories," writes the Archseparation are on the point of being taken, we call the attention to the instructions which we gave on the

Other members of the French hier archy addressed similar notes their clergy, all of them making it clear that a solemn duty rested upon the clergy and the faithful to resist

question in the House of Deputies, said: "I was very much moved this morning in reading in the newspaters extracts from the circular of the Directors of Registration dealing with the method of making the inventory of Church preperty. The circular victually asserts that the assessors will have the right to make milests open the tabermeles. I make an appeal to the spirit of liberality that works how without distinct

some danger of opponents of a reation of party. I ask all my colsonable settlement setting pitials for leagues to make it known that the him. It is possible that a man of measure with which we are threaten-such refined feelings, of such a liter-ed is a direct attack upon the Ca-. It is an attack upon what is most essential and most

the Government let it be known that the law of separation would be aphark back to, as there was in Italy, whom he worked in the same post priests would not be compelled to Hungary, Poland and Finland, and that Mr. Bryce now fills. as there is in Scotland. The unions

Before closing I may note an inciexisting between Sweden and Nordent illustrative of the extraordinary spirit manifested throughout France showed that the limits of endurance sistance that would have taken or and not respect for the principles of

#### OBITUARY.

MR. WALTER McCOY. On January 31st, Mr. Walter Mcand to the loss of both landlord and Coy, eldest son of Mr. Michael Mc-Coy, of Mayo, passed away to his reward. He was young to have been called to answer this last dread summons, his age being only twentysix. He had suffered from a lingering illness, but throughout gave the edifying example of patience and Chris tian resignation to the will of the Coy. Never before did we have to TRAINED IN THE SCHOOL OF report the death of a better and more saintly young man. Fortified by the

to-morrow under the so-called law of and passed away in silence. Deceased separation of Church and State That was buried on Friday, Feb. 2nd, which was the first Friday of the month. The deceased always kept of Communion on the first Friday those whose religious sensibilities the month. The bereaved family have ty in their hour of sorrow, and with them we will pray that God be mer-He is gone but not forgotten.

Round the grave where he is laid.

#### REV. P. M. HOLDEN

Rev. Father P. M. Holden, of Kent ville, perhaps the best known Catholic priest in Nova Scotia, died last Friday after an illness of two weeks, reland than attending political ception of George IV., in 1820, and beckings and swallowing all that is mentioned in Byron's 'Irish Avatar.' Perish Priests and the members of was Borney parishes was Bermuda, where he distinguished were not likely ever again Over 3000 delegates attended from the Parish Councils should be the himself among the yellow fever vic-I reland to find men wielding such most parts of Ireland—a small remove the special proportion of them than usual from the south. A section of Orange-en, while professing themselves still the south, where Mr. O'Brien's inspectable proposed to Home Rule are considered to the south of the sou himself with this dread disease. He electrifying quality and the steel-like small pension by the Imperial Gov- perior to him in many highly useful the conventions place of safety. We wish to add here vices. At that time the convicts lose their dread of their Catholic the weightiest of the conventions place of safety. We wish to add nere fellow-countrymen, and to see that that have been held in Ireland durtheir mundame interests are identical. Ing the past thirty years. The establishment of elective county, discountrymen, a more general tablishment of elective county, discountrymen, and to see that that have been held in Ireland durtheir mundame interests are identical. Ing the past thirty years. The establishment of elective county, discountrymen, and to see that that have been held in Ireland durtheir mundame interests are identical. Ing the past thirty years. The establishment of elective county, discountrymen, and to see that that have been held in Ireland durtheir that if taken by surprise they should were in Bermude, from whence they of the House.

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THOUSE THOUS out or one of the convict ships. Afterwards he came to Kentuille, where he has been for some forty years.

#### HERO-PRIEST

Father Gilbert Simon, of St. Bede College, La Salle, Ill., and three stu were drowned our Saturda while skating on the Illinois river, Several boys were standing together to have a photograph taken when the ice broke and all sank. Father Si ice broke and all senia. Father Si mon plunged into the water and seaved five boys, but on re-entering the icy water for the sixth time he became exhausted, and he, with three boys, were drowned.

The four bodies were recovered shortly afterwards. Father Simon went to St. Bede College six months ago from St. Vincent's College, Pennsylvania.

The perfect champion is he who es-tablishes complete dominion over his mind by overcoming temptations and the inclination of his nature to sin Ven. Jahn Tauler

seems to hold out some hope for Ire The fact that John Redmond prac-"Those who imagine that either at Parliament we will tolerate the trayal of Ireland will meet with rude awakening."-John Redmond.

there was supposed to be intimida- religious liberty, that prevented the of the claims of the Irish have been has issued his ultimatum; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has, with honession of faith, and Lord Rosebery his disavowal. And the free trade amalgam is a thing that dreams are made of It may be interesting to know something of the man who has

> statesman, the successor of O'Conof them he is most akin perhaps Isaac Butt ; the legal training similar, the intellectual tastes, gift of oratory, the cast of mind in Butt. There is more determination,

O'CONNELL.

He lacks, of course, the largeness of nature, the overflowing and magnetic sympathy of such a type as Daniel O'Connell, but he recognizes, as that great tribune did, the full advantage of popular agitations, and he is free from many of the nesses that diminished the character will not close the door to repentance.

Parnell, of course, carried this powas Bermuda, where se distinguished licy to perfection before his lamentable breakdown, and Redmond, though devoid of the personal prestige, the staumchness of the chief, is yet suqualities, not the least of which his acquaintance with all the tactics

## JOHN REDMOND

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(The following character stotch of said by some, even his friends; but John Redmond, M.P., the Irish lea- he is a Machiavelli doubled by a der, from the London Express, is Cavour. The course may seem the advent of Sir Henry Campbell an Irish Parliament is kept Bannerman as Premier of England in view.

the general election or in the next him with the fine rapier-like play of be-

Once more the Irish leader has pip ed, and the political leaders have danced. The subtle policy of a free trade coalition and a polite ignoring blown into thin air. John Redmond ty and courage, repeated his confesdramatically broken up so rare happy family.

What manner of man is this Irish nell, of Butt, and of Parnell ? Of all clined to constitutional means: but Redmont is of a stronger mold than

The guiding principle in Parnell's was that the Irish people career should, in the first place, be united, and second, having secured by that fact a position of influence in the House of Commons, that the party should be willing at any time treat or to "deal" with either of the great English parties in power, but that they should not on any occasion commit themselves definitely to an alliance with either, and that they should never give something for nothing. That Campbell-Bannerman recognizes this is abundantly clear.

of special interest at this time, when times tortuous; the ultimate goal of

tices his oratorical effects on Lord Rosepery, naturally the favorite object of his attacks; that he teases his irony that yet finds the chinks of his defences, and that then, changing his style, he proceeds to break his bones with a shillelagh-all this would not prevent him from meeting Lord Rosebery to-morrow if the earl' should recognize the strength of the Irish position and discuss with him most amicably the means of establishing Home Rule. If Ireland stood to gain, Lord Rosebery would be the ally.

Mr. Redmond is, of course, a genuine Irishman, native to the soil. But there are Irishmen and Irishmen, and he is as far removed as the poles from the popular idea of the blundering, impulsive shaughraun that pepular novels and popular dramas have agreed to represent as the veri-table Hipernian. By the cast of countenance, the strong, broad frame, the calmness of manner, the geniality not inconsistent with reserve, again, with energy and tenacity of purpose, he rather recalls the type of those old Phoenician traders who were been negotiants and ready at all times to beck up their bargains with their swords. They obtained a settlement in the south of Ireland, they were captivated by Erin's lovely daughters, and the race still shows its characteristics at times in the most Irish of surroundings.

HAS DONE MUCH FOR IRFLAND. His elevation to the chief post in the Irish political world has matured John Redmond. He speaks with more ponderation than of yore, he weighs his opinions carefully, and if he uses ns, and vigor, he is careful never to let it weak-descend into unnecessary violence. He trained in the school of Parnell, and est denunciations of Ireland, of he has well committed to heart the Irishmen, of Irish demands have of-He knows by experience that the fiercten been the precursors of sweeping reforms, and by his tact and watchfulness he has done much for his country.

What, then, are his ultimate desites? Well, John Redmond has to conciliate a mass of heterogeneous crinion among his own supporters, and many Irish societies have shown a greater capacity for a destructive than a constructive policy. Conse quently, he talks, at times perhaps in a manner exceeding his cold be licis. But he knows that a nation's policy should not outrun its fleet, so to speak. He knows that England will not permit the separation Ireland except by force, and he bound to acknowledge that no force for the purpose is available, and he also knows that some of the orators among his countrymen are aware that they talk a good deal of 'buncombe.'

If Mr. Redmond and Mr. Balfou IRISH PARIJAMENT HIS ONE apart from prejudice, fear or favor. AN chamber of his swn spirit, and, He 'plays the game' in a way to delight the professionals, even those who are occasionally the victims of this skill. He is a Machiavelli it is which was which.

THE RETORT DIPLOMATIC.

The late Archbishop Chapelle New Orleans was a prelate of infinite threatening showers forthwith. resource, as witness merely one of the many mots which have been told of him, since his sad and sudden pass

It was in the days before his eleva-It was in the days before his eleva-tion to that ecclesiastical dignity which he graced at the time of his death, and his questioner was a little girl, whose troubled face showed clearly that her small heart and soul needed comforting. Hesitatingly she told her fault she often and often dropped off to sleep while saying her prayers—and was that yere year

hair, "could you go to sleep doing anything better? And sunshine took the place of

Lord Mayor Namaetti was born in 1851, and is the som of an Italian sculptor and modeler. He was edu-cated at the Baggot Street Convent, schools and at the schools of the Christics Brothers, Dublin. He was porenticed to the printing trade, and as afterwards employed in Liver-bol, where he was one of the foun-are of the Home Rule organization.