

Archbishop Ireland's opposition to the proposal did not arise out of any disinclination to give foreign-born Catholics every facility for religious instruction through the medium of their own language, as wherever there are gathered together a sufficient number of Catholics of any nationality to form a congregation, it is his aim to supply them with a priest of their own nation. But where the number is not sufficient for this purpose he endeavors as far as possible to supply a priest who knows all the languages spoken by any considerable number of the parishioners. The object which is professedly aimed at by the Cahensly movement is therefore gained by a more desirable method. Thus out of twenty-seven churches which are in the city of St. Paul, six are German, one Polish, one French, one Bohemian, and one for colored Catholics. These are all supplied, except the last named, with priests who are of the same nationality with their congregations.

The Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the Methodist Indian Missions Secretary, whose name is so familiar to all in Ontario as having been the prime mover in the formation of what was termed the "Third Party," which lived just long enough to elect the officious preacher to the office of the Chairmanship or Presidency of the party, is now busily engaged in the formation of another new party. The defunct Third Party had for the chief planks of its platform Total Prohibition and opposition to "Romanism." The new party proposes to omit the latter plank of the Third Party platform, and will operate, for the present, on purely Prohibitionist principles. The following pledge will be exacted from members of the party, all of whom are expected to sign it:

"I solemnly promise that I will not give my vote or influence to any candidate for parliamentary honors whose party is not distinctly pledged to the complete suppression of the liquor traffic; and I further promise to support the party making prohibition the supreme party issue."

This is undoubtedly less objectionable than the meddling preacher's former programme, with which it can scarcely be reconciled; for we were formerly told that the supreme duty of the electorate is to oppose Romanism, and on this plea both the now existing parties were uncompromisingly condemned. We wonder how Dr. Sutherland can reconcile this more moderate programme with his former professions. A preliminary meeting of the new party was held in Toronto on the 27th ult., but we cannot predict much success for a movement which has the Missions Secretary for its leader. The Dr. is evidently an earnest seeker for notoriety.

There is considerable excitement and self-gratulation just now in Baptist circles over the fact that eleven French-Canadian Catholics of Maskinonge, P. Q., publicly joined the Baptist Church last week. One would suppose that the whole population of Quebec were becoming Protestantized through conviction, from the noise with which the fact has been published. But the truth has been let out that the eleven were simply rebels against the decision of their Bishop in reference to the place where a new church should be erected in the parish. The Bishop had decided that the church should be built on the south side of the river. This led to discontent, and finally to the act of apostasy which has just taken place. The apostates were induced by the persons to declare the falsehood publicly that it was not through spite, but from conviction, that they became Protestants. When Protestants become Catholics, as in the numerous cases which are well known to our readers, the motives are very different from those of the Maskinonge apostates. But it is not to be supposed that the Baptists are making any real inroad upon the faith of the people of Quebec. The sect numbers 7,991 in the whole Province, according to the last census, which shows a decrease of 862 during ten years, as the number of Baptists in 1881 was 8,853. The Catholic population of the Province increased during the same period 121,251.

#### GREAT LIBERAL VICTORY.

RIGHT HON. JOHN MORLEY RE-ELECTED BY 1,739 MAJORITY.

London, Aug. 26.—The figures of yesterday's election in Newcastle-on-Tyne afford much satisfaction to the Liberals. The election resulted in the return of Mr. John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, whose seat in the House of Commons became vacant upon his taking office. In the general election Mr. Morley received 10,900 votes, but his poll yesterday was increased by 2,078 votes, the official figures showing he received 12,978. Mr. Morley was opposed by Pandolfi, Liberal Unionist, who unsuccessfully contested Getthead at the general election. He received 11,244 votes, making Mr. Morley's majority 1,739.

#### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.

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explorers, De Soto, anticipated the French in the discovery of the Mississippi. In the sixteenth century Spain, with her vast dominions, immense wealth and invincible armies, was the foremost power in Europe.

England was not remarkable for maritime enterprise until comparatively recent times. It is true that John Cabot (an Italian, by the way), in the service of Henry VII., brought England to the front by the discovery of the main land of America at Labrador in 1497, but she failed to profit by it, and before the spirit of maritime enterprise was thoroughly roused in the English mind, all the signal feats of discovery had been made by other nations, notably Spain and Portugal. England made no settlements in America in the sixteenth century—too busy establishing its new religion.

France claims that the first European to attempt a settlement in North America was a Frenchman, Baron de Lery—at Sable Island in 1518; at all events the French navigator, Jacques Cartier, was the first to explore our noble St. Lawrence and to penetrate any great distance into the continent. Before that time John Verazzani, in the service of France, sailed along the eastern coast of North America between Labrador and the thirtieth parallel, and claimed the land for the French king.

#### Spirits at the Grave of Prior Perez.

"Perez, thou good old man," they cried, "And art thou in thy place of rest?" Though in the western world his grave, That other world the gift he gave, Would you were sleeping side by side! Of all his friends he loved thee best."

#### Vision of Columbus.

Twice the moon filled her silver urn with light From the Throne an Angel winged his flight: He, who unlocked the compass, and assigned Over the wild waves a pathway to the winds; Who, while approached by none but spirits pure, Wrought, in his progress thro' the dread obscure, Signs like the ethereal host—that shall endure! Day broke on day as God Himself were there! Before the great Discoverer, laid to rest, He stood, and thus his secret soul addressed: The wind recalls thee; its still voice they Millions away thy coming; hence, away To the best tidings of great joy consigned, Another Nature, and a new Mankind! The dream, the dream, the wise to doubt shall cease: Young men be glad, and old depart in peace! Hence! 'tis assembling in the field of air, Arts to adorn, and arms to bid defend, Assembling here, all nations shall be blest: The adobe comforted the weary rest; The unclothed shall drop the fetters from the slave: And He shall rule the world He came to save: While to the stary sphere thy name shall rise, (Not there assuming thy generous enterprise!) Time in all our hearts to live—by Fame enshrined.

With those, the few, that live but for Mankind; To evermore, transcendent happiness, World beyond world to visit and to bless."—Samuel Rogers.

#### The Pope and the Celebration.

The following is taken from the letter issued in June by His Holiness the Pope in reference to the ensuing celebration:

In order that the commemoration of Columbus may be observed worthily and in a becoming manner, Religion must lend her aid to the civil celebrations. And, as at the time of the first news of the discovery, public thanksgiving was offered at the instigation of the Sovereign Pontiff to the most provident and immortal God, so now we have resolved to act in like manner in celebrating the anniversary of this auspicious occurrence. We decree, therefore, that on October 12, or on the following Sunday, if the Ordinary should deem it to be advantageous, in all the Cathedral churches and Convent chapels throughout Spain, Italy and the two Americas, after the office of the day there shall be celebrated a Solemn Mass of the Most Holy Trinity. Moreover, besides the above mentioned countries, we feel assured that the other nations, under the leadership of their Bishops, will likewise join in the celebration, because it is fitting that an event from which all benefited should be piously and gratefully commemorated by all.—Leo XIII., Pope.

#### Famous Places in His History.

GENOA.—The birthplace of Columbus, at one time, the capital of a Republic of the same name and one of the most renowned commercial cities of the world, is situated on the Gulf of Genoa, in north-west Italy. A double wall surrounds it, making it one of the best fortified cities in Europe, and its beautiful situation and numerous marble palaces have earned for it the title of "magnificent." Here may be found the cathedral of San Lorenzo, built in the eleventh century. In one of the public promenades stands a statue of Columbus on a circular pedestal with protruding paws of galleys; at the foot of the statue kneels the figure of America. Genoa is a very ancient city, having been mentioned by Livy at the beginning of the second Punic war. Population 180,000.

LISBON.—The capital and chief seaport of Portugal, on the right bank of the Tagus about nine miles from its mouth. It has always been a flourishing place, and was important even in

the days of the Roman general, Julius Caesar. The city is built on a series of hills, and rises in an oval shape from the river presenting a most picturesque appearance. On the site of the Crusader's camp stands the fine church of Nossa Senhora das Martyres (Our Lady of Martyrs). A grand aqueduct, conveying water to the city reservoir, crosses the valley of Alcantara upon a series of lofty arches, the maximum height of which is 250 feet. In November, 1755, a great earthquake visited this city, by which 40,000 people lost their lives, and the greater part of the city was destroyed. Columbus settled here in 1470. Population, 300,000.

PALOS.—A town of Andalusia, in Spain, on the coast, about 200 miles south-west of Madrid. On August 3rd, 1492, Columbus set sail from this port in his search for the western route to India. Near by is the old monastery of La Rabida, where the famous navigator was so kindly treated by its good prior, Juan Perez. Population, 1,500.

VALLADOLID.—This city was the capital of Spain until Philip II. removed the court to Madrid, 1560. It is irregularly built, but contains some fine streets and squares. There are here many churches and convents, besides a famous university, for students of law and medicine, founded as far back as 1346. It was here that the soul of the great and noble Christopher Columbus, passed to its Maker, 1506. Population, 70,000.

HAVANA.—A fortified maritime city, called by the Spaniards *La Habana*, founded in 1519 and long the capital of the Spanish colony of Cuba. The streets are for the most part regular and well-paved, and the houses are built of stone. It has many fine buildings, but the principal edifice is the cathedral, erected in 1724, and used as a college by the Jesuits till 1763. In this church, having been transferred thither from Santa Domingo, 1796, Havana has a population of about 200,000, and ranks among the foremost seaports and commercial marts of the world.

#### His Chief Companions.

VASCO DE BALBOA was born at Xeres, in Spain, 1475. He went to Hispaniola soon after the death of Columbus, and in time became chief of the new settlement, where his humane policy conciliated the Indians. While engaged in exploring the isthmus of Darien he discovered the Pacific ocean, 1513. He erected a cross on the spot, and took possession of the region for Spain. He was displaced by the intrigues of rivals, but at length, the Spanish Government, enlightened in regard to the achievements of Balboa, named him Deputy-Governor. He was accused of treason and beheaded at Darien, in 1517, protesting his innocence to the last.

POINCE DE LEON.—A Spanish discoverer, born in Leon about 1450. Accompanying Columbus on his second voyage, 1493, became commander of Hispaniola, and reduced the island of Porto Rico in 1509. Having learned of a fountain, which could restore of a fountain, and beauty, he set out from Porto Rico in search of it, 1513. After visiting most of the Bahamas he descended on Easter Sunday land which he called Florida, and took possession of the place in the name of the King of Spain. On his return to Spain he was appointed governor of Florida; but he was not able to undertake its colonization till 1521, when he was severely wounded by the natives, and withdrew at once to Cuba, where he died in 1521.

AMERICUS VESPUTIUS.—An Italian navigator from whom the name of America is said to be derived, born in Florence, 1451. While doing business in Seville he occasionally met with Columbus, and was easily induced to enter a career of nautical adventure. He became more famous for his writings than for actual discoveries. He died in Seville, 1512.

THE PINZONS.—A family of wealthy and daring navigators of the Port of Palos, three members of which were intimately associated with Columbus in his discovery of America. The head of the family at that time was Martin Alonso, who offered to afford the means for Columbus to renew his application to the court. The royal order having been given to fit out three vessels for the voyage, it was principally through the efforts of Martin and his two sons, Christopher and Vicente, that Columbus was enabled to collect the brothers that crews could be collected for him. The Emperor, Charles V., raised the Pinzon family to the rank of hidalgos. The second brother, Vincent, was the first to discover Brazil, 1500.

#### The Bells of San Blas.

What say the bells of San Blas To the ships that sailward pass To the harbor of Mazatlan? To them it is nothing more— The sound of surf on the shore— Nothing more to master or man. But to me, a dreamer of dreams, To whom what is and what seems Are often one and the same— The bells of San Blas to me Have a strange, wild melody, And are something more than a name.

For bells are the voice of the Church; They have tones that touch and cheer; The hearts of young and old; One sound to all; yet each Sends a meaning to their speech. And the meaning is manifold.

They are a voice of the past, Of an age that is fading fast, Of a power austere and grave, When the flag of Spain unfurled Its folds over the Western world, And the Priest was lord of the land. "Oh, bring me back once more The bright and joyous days of yore, When the world with Faith was filled; Bring me back the days of old, The hours of fire and steel, The hands that believe and build."—Longfellow.

#### America's Ancient Race.

Not many generations ago, where

you now sit, circled with all that exalts and embellishes civilized life, the rank thistle nodded in the wind and the wild fox dug his hole unscared. Here lived and loved another race of beings. Beneath the same sun that rolls over your heads, the Indian hunter pursued the panting deer; gazing on the same moon that shines for you, the Indian lover wooed his dusky mate. Here the wigwam blazed on the tender and helpless; the council fire glared on the wise and daring. Now they dipped their noble limbs in your sedgy lakes, and now they paddled their light canoes along your rocky shores. Here they warred; the echoing whoop, the bloody grapple, the defying death song, all were here; and when the tiger strife was over here curled the smoke of peace. Here, too, they worshipped, and from many a dark bosom went up a hearty prayer to the Great Spirit. He had not written His laws for them on tables of stone, but He had traced them on the tables of their hearts. The poor child of Nature knew not the God of revelation, but the God of the universe he acknowledged in everything around. As a race they have withered from the land. Their arrows are broken, their springs are dried up, their cabins are in the dust. Their council fire has long since gone out on the shore, and their war cry is fast dying in the West. Slowly and sadly they climb the distant mountains, and read their doom in the setting sun. They are shrinking before the mighty tide which is pressing them away; they must soon hear the roar of the last wave, which will settle over them forever.—Sprague.

#### Indian Names.

Ye say they have passed away, That noble race and brave, That their light canoes have vanished From off the crowded wave; There hither where they roamed, There things no hunter's shout; But their name is on your waters, Your name not wash away.

Ye say they are Ontario's billow, "Lak-oo-see" is our cry! Where strong Niagara's thunder wake The echo to the world; Where red Missouri bringseth Rich tributes from the West, And Kappahnoek sweetly sleeps On green Virginia's breast.

Ye say, their cone-like cabins, That cluster'd o'er the vale, Have fled away like withered leaves Before the autumn gale; But their memory lives on your hills, Their baidens on your forest hear, Their everlasting rivers speak Their dialect of yore.

Old Massachusetts wears it Within her rocky heart, And Allegheny graves its tone Throughout his lofty chart; Mound-dock on his forehead bears Doth seal the sacred trust; Your mounds and towers, their monuments, Though ye destroy their dust, —Signify.

#### NOTES.

"To Castle and Leon Columbus gave a new world." Of all this Spain at present owns little more than Cuba and Porto Rico. The enterprise of Columbus was the most memorable maritime enterprise in the history of the world.—Bancroft.

He had achieved it not by chance, but by calculation, supported through the most adverse circumstances by consummate conduct.—Prescott.

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Some think that *America* is a word taken from an Indian dialect; others say that it is modified from the name of one of Columbus's companions, Americans Vesputius.

Christopher Columbus and Napoleon Bonaparte—both Italians—have probably done most in modern times to change the face of the world.

And yet, Columbus was once a prisoner in chains; charged with treason by his enemies, and sent home bound in chains from San Domingo, by the stupid viceroys (Bobadilla); and Ferdinand proved that he had not authorized such indignity; that the viceroys exceeded his powers; but indignant Spain and Europe never forgave the king.

Strange to say, there are some who do not know that Columbus was a Catholic—lived and died an exemplary Catholic—or that men and nation most famous for maritime enterprise in modern times were of the same religion.

Columbus left two sons—Fernando and Diego—both of whom made themselves distinguished. The male line of the great navigator is long since extinct, but he is ably represented by the female line in the noble house of Braganza.

#### Suggestions to Teachers.

The foregoing matter—or such portions if as your time may allow, or your judgment suggest—might be read partly in class by your pupils and partly to them by yourselves, accompanied by explanations and remarks on the 12th of October. Conversations on certain parts and recitations of certain selections, by the pupils, might be found profitable and entertaining,—a suitable time for preparation having been allowed. Composition exercises on, say, "The Life and Character of Columbus" might be subsequently written by the pupils and retained by you until the Inspector's visit.

#### IN MEMORIAM.

On the sixteenth of the current month of August the *religieuses* of the Ursuline Monastery, in the city of Quebec, were thrown into heartfelt grief for the loss they had just sustained in the death of their dear Sister and former Superior, the good Mother St. Catherine. Nor was that grief confined to the cloister, for outside in the world "many a heart was made sore by the reflection that never again would the bright and joyous countenance be seen by them, nor the ready flow of wit and repartee heard from those lips, or they had so often seen, with the words of the "parlors" or the "depot" or the classroom.

"Born a slave" in Ireland, for the Duke of Wellington, had not yet pronounced the dictum "Civil War or Emancipation" nor advised the stubborn Brunswick, King George, to relax the "Disabilities" under which his subjects of the Catholic religion in

the United Kingdom still governed—the subject of these lines came, while still quite young, with her name, "the Ursuline of ours," settling in the old Rock City. Here, thanks to the Treaty of 1763, but perhaps more so to the three thousand separating miles of ocean and the close contiguity of the great Republic to the South, rather than to the good will of the rulers—Mr. Tins and his young family found full and unrestricted scope for the exercise of that Faith which exorable laws, inspired by "hated of Popery, ignorance of Christian duty and a total absence of moral principle," had forbidden them at home. Placed at an early age under the care of the Ursulines, the worthy successors and spiritual children of Marie de l'Incarnation (recently declared Venerable, and her worthy coadjutor, Madame de la Patrie, who, with the fondness of that other distinguished Order of teachers, the Congregation de Notre Dame, a few years later in Montreal, Margaret Bourgeois (also recently declared Venerable), were the pious Irish girl early showed a desire for the religious life, and shortly after the completion of her education at the Ursuline convent, Mother St. Catherine at a subsequent period.

From the Quebec house, founded in 1633, there went forth, about a quarter of a century later, a colony of Sisters to establish a Convent at Three Rivers—midway between Quebec and Montreal—which is still in existence; but during the following two centuries similar action was taken. The strength of the Order in Canada (as originally established from the Ursuline houses in all France) was confined to the two establishments in Canada, the word went forth to the Irish lady to continue and extend the good work so happily and so successfully begun by her French predecessors and to establish the Ursuline house at the Lake St. John, two hundred miles north of Quebec City, then an almost unexplored region. 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