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publication should reach us not later than
5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.CORRESPONDENCE and items of
local Catholic interest solicited.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1906.

ART AND AGRICULTURE.

One of the numerous comic opera
inquiries instituted by the British
Government to amuse the Irish peo-
ple has concluded and issued its re-
port. The committee was appoint-
ed to inquire into the work carried
on by the Royal Irish Academy and
the Metropolitan School of Art in
Dublin and a majority report, signed
by an English Earl, who is, we be-
lieve, an admirable dancer, an Irish
Earl who breeds fat cattle, and a
gentleman interested in drains, se-
wers, waterpipes, and so forth, has
been issued at the public expense.
These gentlemen consider the pro-
gress of Art in Ireland will be served
by its associations with experi-
mental agriculture, and Lord Aber-
deen, whose appreciation of art is as
keen as that of King George II.'s
The Department of Agriculture is
to nominate its agriculturists, the
British Lord Lieutenant is to no-
minate his representative, and the
Director of the National Gallery—the
Englishman who is responsible
for the acceptance of the Miltown
collection of rubbish—is to nominate
his representative. And if this hap-
py combination does not make Ire-
land an artistic nation, not even
the Royal Irish Constabulary may
avail. Two of the Committee, who
apparently took the affair seriously,
have issued a minority report in
which, of course, they declare that
"the State" should do certain things
which even the boy in the street
is quite aware it ought to do if it
existed. It does not occur to them
that England is "the State," that
England cannot possibly derive any
advantage from encouraging Art in
Ireland, and that the nation, not
the state is the power to appeal to.
When the Hibernian Academy was
National, the Hibernian Academy
produced artists and sold the pic-
tures it exhibited; since the academy
became the sycophantic thing it is,
it has lost both its art and its mo-
ney. If the spirit which Davis im-
planted in the academicians of his
day were present in the academicians
of ours, such an insult as that of
the majority report could never have
been offered. No stir of anger is
shown by the academicians at the
proposal that they should be placed
under nominees of the Agricultural
Department—the cabbage expert and
the poultry-instructor no doubt. If
it should eventually stir them to re-
member that when the Hibernian
Academy preferred the Irish nation
to the Viceroyal Lodge—the Hiber-
nian Academy won a name, the dan-
cer, the cattle-breeder, and the man
of drains may, after all, have had a
purpose in their creation. The ways
of Providence are inscrutable.

SCOTCH AND IRISH.

"When the Scotch and Irish com-
bine in their demand for home rule,
there is no power in English politics
to stop their progress." These were
the pregnant words uttered by Wil-
liam McKillop, a Scot representing a

Nationalist community, when inter-
viewed on the probabilities of home
rule. For some time there has been
a feeling, even among the most ar-
dent of John Redmond's followers,
that the sympathies and assistance of
the Scotch must be obtained before
there can be a parliament in Dublin.
Lately an association calling itself
the "Young Scots" has come into ex-
istence, whose views on the English
domination in Scotland are quite as
pronounced as the most revolution-
ary Irishman in regard to his own
country. These young stalwarts are
Mr. McKillop's hope for Ireland.

"Scotsmen," he says, "are supreme
in the British parliament, and when
we get the young blood of Scotland
to recognize and understand that it
should be no longer ruled from Lon-
don, but from Edinburgh, it will see
that Ireland should have its laws
made in Dublin instead of wasting
money and energy sending eighty
or more men to Westminster. Take
my word for it that an Irish-Scot
society for the attainment of home
rule all around is coming."

The art treasures in the churches
in France, of which inventories have
been taken, are worth \$120,000,000
at least. The only source of revenue
to the Government from the new
law will be the saving of \$8,500,000
a year in salaries paid to priests,
bishops and clergymen of other de-
nominations than the Catholic. Of
this sum the Protestant denomina-
tions received \$250,000 and the
Hebrew \$31,000 a year, the bal-
ance being paid to the Catholic
clergy.

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Letters patent were issued last
week granting a constitution to the
Transvaal. The terms were outlin-
ed by Mr. Churchill, Under Secretary
for the Colonies, in the House of
Commons on July 31. There is no
change in the provisions as finally
approved by King Edward. Mem-
bers of the legislature will receive a
salary of \$1500 yearly. Under the
letters patent the recruiting of Chi-
nese for work in the Transvaal will
cease immediately, and the entire
system of Chinese labor must be
stopped a year after the first meet-
ing of the legislature. The latter
has the right to put an end to the
system earlier if it so desires.

Cardinal Gotti, prefect of the Pro-
paganda, celebrated the fiftieth an-
niversary of his ordination on De-
cember 25. In Genoa, his birth-
place, the pride which the citizens
feel in him has induced them to
form a jubilee committee, while in
Rome the Urban students are pre-
paring a grand academia. The Car-
dinal offered the Holy Sacrifice for
the first time in the church of his
order, that of the Discalced Carme-
lites, in Loano.

After a lapse of centuries the
Franciscans have returned to historic
Oxford University. A few days ago
the Friars Minor solemnly opened a
Franciscan college at Cowley, Eng-
land, recently bought by them for a
college for boys desiring to join the
Order. Among those present were
Bishop Mostyn, of Wales, and the
Bishop of Shrewsbury.

EMINENT CATHOLIC PROFESSOR
AT HARVARD.

Dr. Thomas D. Dwight, of the
Harvard Medical School, who fills
the chair of the Parkman professor
of anatomy, commands the respect of
his conferees not more by his emi-
nence in his profession than by his
uncompromising stand for religion. A
recent appreciation of him says:

"Dr. Dwight does effectively for
Harvard what Louis Pasteur did for
France. With graceful eminence and
fitness he combines with his duties
as head of the medical school where
he cares for the physical body, his
work as head of the St. Vincent de
Paul in this archdiocese, where his
philanthropic work does so much for
the souls with which he deals. Pas-
teur is well portrayed in the char-
acter of the Parkman professor and
the medical world holds the one in
as high esteem as they hold the
other in fond memory. They meet
on the common ground of Catholicity,
and as effective and accomplish-
ing Catholics. Pasteur was the type
of past greatness; Dwight typifies
the glory of present accomplishment.
Both were intensely humane and in-
tensely Catholic."

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HOPE. Not a great kind of en-
dowment, you will say, good reader.
Ah, well! Who knows? Great things
have, as a rule, very small begin-
nings. There was the stable of
Bethlehem, and God's hand is not
shortened, I HAVE hopes. I have
GREAT hopes that this latest Mis-
sion, opened by the Bishop of North-
ampton, will, in due course, become
a great mission.

Best outside help is, evidently, ne-
cessary. Will it be forthcoming?

I have noticed how willingly the
CLIENTS OF ST. ANTHONY OF
PADUA readily come to the assist-
ance of poor, struggling Priests. May
I not hope that they will, too, cast
a sympathetic and pitying eye upon
me in my struggle to establish an
outpost of the Catholic Faith in this
—so far as the Catholic Faith is con-
cerned—barren region? May I not
hope, good reader, that you, in your
zeal for the progress of that Faith,
will extend a helping hand to me? I
cry to you with all earnestness to
come to my assistance. You may
not be able to do much; but you
CAN DO LITTLE. Do that little
which is your power, for God's
sake, and with the other "littles"
that are done I shall be able to es-
tablish this new Mission firmly.

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The Ancient City of Christ

For decades Christian archaeo-
logists have been trying to locate the
city of Christ, Capernaum, but with
no consensus of conclusions. With-
in the last months the "Orientges-
ellschaft" has been closely investigat-
ing, in the traditional locality of this
city, the ruins of Tel Hum, a little
to the west of the northern extremi-
ty of the Sea of Galilee, with the
result that not a few are convinced
that both Capernaum itself and the
synagog in which Jesus taught have
been found. A complete account of
this search is given in the Bota-
nus Zion, a German quarterly pub-
lished in Jerusalem in the interest
of the famous Schneller Syrian or-
phans' home. From this source
we glean the following data:

"A new era has begun for the
Sea of Galilee. Last October the
railroad was formally opened which
connects this sea with Haifa and
with the great East Jordan railroad
and eventually will connect it with
the Bagdad road. This road touches
the sea in the southern part near the
village of Samach, from which it is
possible in two or three hours with
a boat to reach Tiberias. In this
way this historic lake is brought into
connection with modern traffic, and
the probabilities are that in the
near future there will be found along
its borders as great a population as
was found there in the first Chris-
tian centuries."

Contemporaneously with the build-
ing of this new railroad, another
task of equal interest in connection
with the sea of Galilee was being
done; namely, laying bare some of
the magnificent ruins of a grand
structure which had for decades at-
tracted the attention and inquiries of
travellers. These were the probable
foundations of that synagogue which
had been built for the Jews by that
famous but unnamed centurion whose
servant, "dear unto him," was sick
and at the point of death, and whom
Jesus was besought by the elders
to cure (Luke vii, 5). Further de-
tails are as follows:

"If this proves to be the case then
we know the scene where Jesus
preached his first sermon, where he
taught as one having authority, and
not as the scribes; where also he
cast out the unclean spirits (Mark
i, 21-28). The existence of these
important ruins at Tel Hum was
known to older scholars, but it was
only about ten years ago that monks
of the Franciscan order began to
protect them against the depredations
of the peasants, who plundered them
to get stones for the erection of
their own houses. Only recently
have the Germans uncovered enough
of these remains to show that there
once stood at this place a rare and
splendid synagog. The outer walls
are massive, the whole constituting
a square, and within run two paral-
lel rows of heavy columns to sup-
port the roof. A close examination
shows that this structure departs ma-
terially from that of a Christian
church and must have been a very
ancient synagog. A frieze of con-
siderable size, facing the sea, has
yet been preserved covered with rich
ornamentations, and in many re-
spects suggests Roman and Greek
temple architecture. Unfortunately
only the east side of the structure
has been preserved, but here are found
also two side porticos with a flight
of stairs. In general the building
is covered with the sculptural work
of the art of its day, including es-
pecially images of trees, leaves, and
fruits, especially of grapes and
palm. This extraordinary amount
of architectural decorations are all
the more interesting because they
in part go to show that the struc-
ture is of Jewish origin. The palm-
trees, for example, are the exact
reproduction of those found on
Jewish coins of the Maccabean pe-
riod, such as is found also on the
medal struck by Vespasian after the
destruction of Jerusalem in 70, and
which is used by the Jews to this
day as a symbol based on Ps. xci,
12, ('The righteous shall flourish
like the palm tree: He shall grow
like a cedar in Lebanon'). In ad-
dition there is found on this tem-
ple a so-called 'arms of David,' a
six-cornered star. The material out
of which this structure is built is a
marble-like limestone, formerly
doubtlessly found in abundance along
this sea, although, according to the
statements of the natives, no longer
extant there."—Literary Digest.

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by him authorized, daughters of the
late Dame Joseph Lacombe (née
Marie Louise Durand dit Desmar-
chais) and her universal legatees in
ownership, and Simon Lacombe, son
and particular legatee of said, late
Dame Lacombe, in virtue of her will
and testament dated the 22nd of
May, 1890, will apply to the Que-
bec Legislature, at its next session,
to obtain from it an act for the
purpose of authorizing the petition-
ers to sell, convey and alienate,
wholly or in part, the property left
to them in virtue of the said will,
and to receive the price thereof, and
to give good and valid titles.

N. PERODEAU,

Attorney for Petitioners.
Montreal, 19th December, 1906.

The corporation of the parish of
Longue-Pointe will present to the le-
gislation of Quebec, at its next
session, a bill entitled "an act erect-
ing into a town corporation the
municipality of the parish of Longue-
Pointe." The bill will contain
dispositions:

To transfer to the new corpora-
tion all the rights and obligations
of the actual corporation to divide
the municipality into wards, to de-
termine the number of aldermen and
the eligibility of the members of the
council;

Concerning the first general elec-
tion, the place for the sessions of
the council and for the office of the
clerk and the posting of municipi-
pal notices, the valuation of real
estate, the annexation of lands con-
tiguous to the said municipality,
the borrowing power;

To declare valid by-laws No. 88,
No. 94 and No. 101 relating to the
building of a tramway and to the
widening of Notre Dame Street, as
well as the bonds issued under said
by-laws; to confirm the "Suburban
Tramway & Power Company" in the
possession and enjoyment of the
right of way which was granted for
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cil to prohibit parks and other simi-
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Report for week
December 23rd, 19
French, 17; Eng
nationalities, 7.
had a night's lodg

MIDNIGHT MASS
RICK

It seemed as thou
was celebrated wit
ordinary ecstasies
the bells pealed fo
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robed in red cass
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Mass was celebrat
Rev. M. Callaghan,
P. Heffernan and
as deacon and sub-
ly.

After the Gospel
in his well known
address relative to
Christmas.

The choir did its
well, discoursing t
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A very large congr
sent.

Be There a Will, W
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REV. MICHAEL O'
MAS

On Sunday last,
O'Brien celebrated
St. Gabriel's Church