

**Persons and Facts**

The Glasgow Observer of April 15, publishing a good portrait of Mr. Lister Drummond, says he is one of the most zealous Catholic laymen in England. A barrister by profession, he takes a leading part in the outdoor lecture campaign conducted by a number of earnest Catholics in London.

Owen Keenan, perhaps the oldest Catholic in Scotland, died last month in his ninety-seventh year. He was born in the parish of Donoghmoyny near Carrickmacross Co. Monaghan. At the age of 17 he went to Glasgow and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, principally in Glasgow, raising a family of twelve children, seven of whom are still living.

The Reverend Fathers of St. Boniface college yesterday celebrated the feast of the rector, R. F. Dugas, by giving a dinner to the gentlemen of the clergy and to a few laymen. The latter were Judge Prudhomme, Dr. Lambert and Dr. Dubuc. Many wishes were expressed by the guests for the hero of the day. Work on the extension of St. Boniface College commenced some time ago, is being pushed on as rapidly as weather will permit.—Free Press, May 17.

The population of Winnipeg is now put by the city assessors at 80,000; that of the town of St. Boniface is now, by actual count, 4,308, 536 of whom are school boys and 499 school girls. Between 1891 and 1901 the population of Winnipeg increased 65 per cent., while that of St. Boniface increased only 30 per cent., but between 1901 and the present date the tables have been turned. During that period of four years, the population of St. Boniface has increased 108 per cent., while Winnipeg increased 88 per cent. Norwood contains exactly (within six units) one-ninth of the entire population of St. Boniface, viz., 478.

The richest man in the saintly city of Toronto—a gooder ham than has been—leaves nine millions, mostly whiskey.

Mrs. Donlon, of Minnedosa, with her daughter Katie and her youngest boy, Baby John, was visiting her sister, the Grey Nun (Sister Robinson), early this week. She returned home on Thursday.

The Earl of Dunraven, who is convalescent after his rather serious indisposition has gone to recruit at Adare Manor, his beautiful seat at Limerick. A wonderful feature of the demesne at Adare is the enclosure within it of no less than three mediaeval monasteries, all in an interesting state of preservation. One was made over to the Catholics by the second earl nearly a century ago, one is used for Protestant worship, and the third is an exquisite ruin, standing close to the manor house.

The death took place on April 23, at 42, Rue de Berre, Paris, of the Vicomtesse Aguado, daughter of Macdonell of Abercaldy and widow of the Marquis de las Marismas, in the 88th year of her age. Her great personal charms and the enormous fortune of her husband caused her to be remembered as one of the leaders of society during the second empire, when she occupied the position of Lady of the Bedchamber to the Empress Eugenie.

The observance of washing the feet of the poor on Maundy Thursday was strictly carried out at the Spanish Chapel Royal, and at the repast which followed the King himself waited on his indigent guests, surrounded by all the Ambassadors and members of the Court in official dress, as well as the Queen mother, the Infanta Marie Therese, and the Prince Don Carlos. There was also a great recital of prayers at the Church of the Knights of Calatrava, attended by King Alfonso, who, on quitting the church, walked back to the palace with no other escort than that of an aide-de-camp. His Majesty, however, was followed by an immense crowd, which acclaimed him with great enthusiasm. It is to be noted, too, that all the churches of Madrid were too small to accommodate the number of Faithful who wished to worship in them.

Sentence of three years imprisonment has, says a correspondent of the "Daily Mail," just been passed on a labourer named Koch, of Munster, in Westphalia, for a remarkable series of frauds on a woman, by representing himself as an emissary of the Pope. Koch succeeded

in obtaining from his victim the sum of £600. Knowing the woman to be a good Catholic, Koch induced her to contribute money to a loan which he said was being raised by the Pope who would pay interest at the rate of 100 per cent. After advancing £500 the victim grew suspicious, and demanded proof that her savings were really being forwarded to the Papal Exchequer. Koch at once promised to satisfy her. Next day he invited her to accompany him to Osnabruck, where Bishop Voss will personally confirm my statements." On arriving in that town she was conducted to a house where an accomplice of Koch's received her in full bishop's robes, gave her his blessing and bade her assist the great cause by further loans. Another £100 was promptly advanced by the deluded woman. The victim mentioned the matter to her incredulous neighbours with the result that Koch was shortly afterwards arrested.

A curious story is current among leading French Royalists in Paris. Princess Waldemar of Denmark became possessed of a suspicion that her letters to her mother, the Duchess of Chartres, were opened and read in their passage through the French post office. In order to make sure she had recourse to the stratagem of sending a note in which she informed her mother that she was enclosing some Danish violets, which in fact she did not enclose. By return she received from the Duchess a note expressing delight at the beautiful freshness of the flowers. The officials who opened the letter, thinking the violets to have been lost in the operation, had bought some and inserted them.

Belgium this year celebrates the 75th anniversary of her national independence, and to commemorate the event a universal and international exhibition has been organized, and was opened at Liege Thursday, the 27th ult., by Prince Albert.

It is now stated that 15,000 lives were lost in the Indian earthquake.

Rev. Mother Mary Ignatius Croke, a sister of the late Archbishop Croke, of Cashel, died recently at Bathurst, Australia.

The Queen of Saxony was in the sanctuary at the Jesuit Church, Farm street, when Father Bernard Vaughan preached the Three Hours on Good Friday. Before leaving London she sent Father Vaughan 2,000 oranges for the children she visited in the East End.

Mr. Lucien Dubuc, an Edmonton Barrister, lately returned from France where he went on business, spent a few days with his father, the Chief Justice, and returned this week to the new capital of Alberta.

The Secretary of the Northwestern University Dental School requests us to inform our readers that, in the largest graduating class in the history of Dentistry, viz., 212, upon whom the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery was conferred this year, figures the name of one of our townsmen, Dr. D. G. Leckie.

**A BOY ON BABIES**

Here is an essay on babies by an English board-school boy. "Babies are little red things without bones nor teeth. They have various sizes but just after they are borned, they are called hypeds; their bones are grise. There are two sects, male and female, and are also very fat. When very young they do not have much hair. They are always asleep only when crying. Women and girls go silly over babies, and kiss them all over and say silly things. That's why girls have dolls when they haven't any little brothers. Everybody 'as to be a baby first. That's all I know about babies."

**A GRADUATING ESSAY**

We have been asked, says the Chicago Tribune, for our ideal of a commencement oration for a girl. Here it is: "I made this dress, and now I'm going home to cook dinner."

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**JESUITS NOT IMPLICATED**

English papers just to hand tell the following story of how a great government—not the Jesuits be it noted—had recourse to the principle that "the end justifies the means."

"In his address at the opening of the King Institute, Lord Amptill, the Governor of Madras, claimed for the Hindoos the discovery of vaccination, basing this opinion on a passage plainly describing vaccination in a work by Dhawantari, the greatest of the ancient Hindoo physicians. The 'British Medical Journal' explains that this and other passages of the same kind are simply interpolations, and tells the following surprising story about them. According to Sir John Malcolm, G.C.B., on the introduction of vaccine inoculation into India the practice met with great opposition from the natives and in order to overcome their prejudice Mr. Ellis, of Madras, who was well versed in Sanscrit literature, composed a short poem on vaccination in that language. This poem was inscribed on old paper, and said to have been 'found' the object of the pious fraud being that the impression of its antiquity might help to reconcile the minds of the Brahmins to the use of prophylactics drawn from their sacred cow. Similar tactics were resorted to in Madras and Bengal. And yet Anglo-Indians are always accusing the Hindoo of untruthfulness."

**THE "OPEN DOOR" TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Make the Way There so Plain That Even the Blind May Find It

(Communicated)

An editorial writer in one of the big New York dailies said in conversation recently that "were it not for the Catholic Church in New York, New York would not be liveable." He was talking about the influence of the Catholic Church among the masses of the people in our large cities. The late Senator Hanna shared the same opinion, for he frequently said that the Catholic Church was the most potent influence for law and order in the country. Many public men are beginning to appreciate this great truth. They realize that in time of public disturbances there is no power to quell the turbulent elements of the people but religion, and the only religious influence among the masses of the people that counts for anything is the Catholic Church.

In view of these significant statements, it may be questioned as to whether the Church realizes the tremendous responsibilities that are forced on her. It is quite possible for the Church to be a tower of strength in every community if she will but broaden out the sphere of her influence. If she confines her ministrations in a perfunctory way to the Catholics only, who seek her help, she will lose the best opportunity that has ever been given her. There is a vast throng who need her assistance if they only knew how to get it. There is much talk about the "open door." What is vitally necessary is to establish the "open door" to the Church, and make the way thereto so plain that even the blind may find it. In this fact lies the significance of the non-Catholic mission movement. It has for its direct purpose to get beyond the children of the household and out among the vast throng who are reached by no religious influence and "compel them to enter." The Apostolic Mission House is established with this purpose in view. It trains its priests to meet the non-Catholic and enables them so to present the teachings of the Church that the stranger may find in them the comfort and peace of heart that religion alone can provide. A. P. D.

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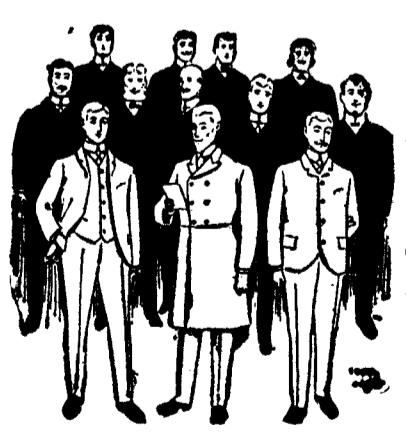
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