

In these words the Apostle commands us to pay our debts to all, whether they are rich or poor, whether they need it for their support or This sacred obligation is founded on the virtue of justice which demands that we give to The others what belongs to them. divine law as well as the natural law require that we do unto others as have others do unto us, we would Who is willing to wait for months and even years for the payment overdue? Hence each one should be prompt in paying his debts Again, St. Paul declares: "Owe no man anything." (Rom. xii., 8.) Note the strict duty imposed on all by these words of our Lord. Pay all your debts without exception, them according to contract so as to cause no disappointment or loss those you owe. Refuse to pay lawdebts is the same as stealing ful The thief takes secretly what longs to another, and thereby de prives the owner of the benefit of his property. Those who do not pay their debts retain unlawfully not pay their what belongs to others and thereby causes them disappointment The one takes secretly, the other takes publicly, both keep what does not belong to them.

Render to all their dues,-Ro. xiii., ers, newspapers and others whose bills are not paid according to agreement. There is nothing more humiliating to a woman of refinement and delicacy of feeling than to know that her neighbors are aware that her husband does not pay debts, but spends in various wave the money that belongs to others. The man who makes light of ing his debts will make light of his other obligations. There is nothing that pains a man of good principles more than to find his wife wasteful and extravagant, and letting bills There overdue run on for months. is a streak of dishonor in the make up of people who owe debts around, while they spend their money for other purposes. So many people nowadays are in the habit of living beyond their means, at the exand loans that a Unionist or pense of others, that religion is con-stantly brought into odium. A sobut they do and will still call called Christian who culpably fuses to pay his debts is a constant scandal scandal to the Church and to all around him. Patches and old clothes are honorable when the wearer can face the world and say: "They are my own; I owe no man any thing." No matter how fine the dness, no matter how brilliant the accomplishments of men and women. both wear the badge of disgrace in the eyes of all right-thinking people if they refuse to pay their just debts.

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Our Lord declares that calamities shall fall on those who keep what does not belong to them. Hear His Woe to him that heapown words : eth together that which is not his own." Those who refuse to pay their lawful debts heap together what is not their own and are certain to incur sooner or later the miseries pronounced against them by our Lord. Again God declares : "A kingdom is translated from one pcople to another, because of injustices, and wrongs, and injuries, and divers (Eccl. x., 8.) This divine deceits.' not answer, "Our books show many declaration is carried out in the cas of families and individuals who are guilty of injustices, wrongs, injuries and fraud against others. God has indignant if we ask payment of our accounts. Others who owed us bills solemnly pledged His word to protect the property rights of all, rich and poor, high and low, and He will permit no injustice, no wrong, no sive when asked to pay their just injury, no fraud to go unpunished.' debts long ovendue ! Is not such hear His words: "Some distribute their own goods and grow Christian ? If such people call them richer; others take away what selves Christians, how great the not their own, and are always in want." dium and disgrace their dishonesty (Prov. xi., 22.) God in creases the store of the generous hearted as He multiplies the seed other class who contract debts without any intention of paying them. sown in the ground, whereas those who owe bills everywhere and refuse They go from one store to another, to pay them are afflicted with want. getting cnedit as long as they can they owe bills here and there, and As the proverb says, they have no pass their creditors by as if they did luck, things go wrong, wages not owe a cent. spent foolishly, there are disappointyour property stealthily and carries ments, miseries and unhappiness, and they are always in want because they it away. This class coolly asks you to give up your goods and deliver take what is not their own. The dreadest punishment awaits them in them, too. What a disgrace to the the next world. 'Know you not that Church if such dishonest people call themselves, Christians ! Who does the unjust shall not possess the kingdom of God ?" (I. Cor. vi., 9.) The greaten harm to the Church, who gives greater scandal, who inflicte Church teaches that we are obliged greater injury on the community than at the peril of our salvation to pay the so-called Christian who culpably our just debts. No power on earth can absolve from this sacred duty. refuses to pay his debts ? There can be no forgiveness in

holy tribunal of reconciliation for the person who culpably refuse his debits. Even in the dread of death absolution cannot be Never do to others what you would not wish to have done to yourself. imparted to such a person unless he Observe this divine law when buyes good the injustice done others. ing your bills. Be strictly honest God has made the condition of foring your bills. B5e strictly honest giveness, no power on earth can itution every injustice is one of those conditions. The Catechism teaches, "we are bound to restitution if we are able, else the sin will not be forgi-"If we are able." does not ven. mean if we can restore without sav ing, self-denial and sacrifice. There are but few cases were cutting down expenses, as regards dress, drink, pleasure, travel, etc., would not expenses, enable people to pay their debts. It is possible to deceive men, but "there is one" (the Lord) "who seeth and and who cannot be deceived, and unless the Lord ratifies the olution given by the minister of reconcilliation there can be no forgiveness. The payment of all debts is a sacred duty; eternal salvation depends upon it. "He that wil, not render what he hath robbed shall die everlastingly." (Ezech, xxxiii., 15.)

grace. Inconveniences and losses are thereby inflicted on storekeepers, but-chers, landlords, doctors, undertala-

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only panacea for the troubles of Ireland. And at least one-half of the Liberal party is with the Nationalists in that demand. Lord Rosebery is not, Sir Edwin Grey is not; but Mr. Morley and Sir William Harcourt are, and nothing will lead them to abandon the cause to which Mr. Gladstone gave his last years. Herein lies Mr. Chamberlair.'s trump card. "Vote against me," he told the Liberal Unionist Association in so many wonds this week, "and you vote for Irish Home Rule." The conwas a foregone one; they clusion gave him a blank check to continue to use the Liberal Unionist organization as he has been using it, a means of furthering his fiscal Using this same test, one policy. realizes the impossibility of a free trade coalition party made up of those Whigs and Tories. Liberal Unionists and Radicals, free tradens all, who spent pleasant hours Father Ouellette, Building Association in Aid

Evening Post of New York says :

In that fact-the persistence of



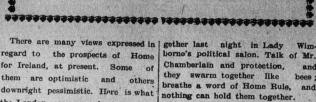
REV. J. B. OUELLETTE, S.S.

Local readers of the "True Witness" wil' regret to learn that Rev. J. B. Ouellette, S.S., for many years associated with St. Patrick Church, has been obliged, owing to illness, to seek rest in a Southern climate.

We sincerely hope that the genial and zealous priest will ere lone return to Montreal, fully restored in health to resume the duties of his

ministry.

A Model Parish Priest



English Politics and Home Rule.

the London correspondent of the Of course all this is not lost upon Mr. Redmond and his astute colleagues from Ireland. Be guite sure "The Unionist party came into exof this-they will make hav while stence with one prime purpose -the the sun shines. They will take care defeat of Gladstonian Home Rule, It to put Home Rule so much in killed the Gladstone bill, but it did lence as to prevent a Devonshire not kill the Home Rule movement Rosebery-Campbell-Bann ley-Harcourt combination. If they Home Rule movement-lies the hey can get from the Liberal party to the whole political situation at as now constituted (Lord Rosehery is the present moment. Mr. Redmond still officially outside the Liberal party) such a definite Home Rule and the Nationalists will not cease Rul to demand Home Rule; they take all oledge as Mr. Morley himself would the Land Bills and Treasury grants give to-morrow, then the Liberals may have the Nationalist vote, and any other Parliament may give them, the Ministry be kept for the next six months on the edge of the pre Home Rule, as the inevitable and cipice. Bdt if the hopes of reconciliation with the anti-Home-Rule Liberals, with Lord Rosebery at their head, or again the hopes of trade alliance of Unionists and Liber als dissuade the Liberals from a Na tionalist compact, then Mr. Redmond may be expected to approach Mr. Wyndham and probably Mr. Chamberlain and seek to renew Parnell-Carnarvon negotiations the of ante-Home-Rule days, giving to Ireland a complete measure of local Government and perhaps also a Ro man Catholic university. Mr. Chamberlain would only be reverting to his old lines in adopting as Trish policy of this character, and the Nationalists have practically said that with those ends assured Mr. Cham perlain or any one else may have their votes for fiscal or any other policy. Taken all in all, it is pretty political puzzle and will pro vide many surprises in the working



According to the New York Post, three divisions of the Ja numbering between 30,000 and 50,000 men, embarhed from Japan on

nesday for a destination which is cept secret, but is believed to either the mouth of the Yalu River or a spot on Liau-tung peninsula flanking Port Arthur. A Tokio des-patch says that this is one of the nost important movements of Japanese troops yet made. Another despatch says that eight

transports carrying thoops and vess?ls with manitions of war renal are on their way from Nagasaki the western coast of Corea. The despatches concerning the army movements are conflicting, and have been subjected to censorship. Port Arthur advices confirm the re orts of the concentration of about

60,000 Japanese troops at Wonson on the eastern coast of Conea. Rus sian troops continue to arriva at Port Arthur, and the fortress is asserted to be prepared to withstand a siege.

A strong attack of torpedo craft upon the Russian vessels at Arthur before daylight last Sunday morning was marred, according to a Tokio despatch, by a storm during the preceding night, which parted the Japanese flotilla. Two of the larger lestroyers reached Port Arthur, and attacked seperately. The officers of one of them are confident that they torpedoed a Russia warship. Another account of the same exploit, by way of Kobe and London, says that Russian warship and a guardship vere torpedoed.

A despatch from Nagasaki by way of Shanghai, telling of the embarka tion last Monday of 15,000 troops from Nagasaki, mentions that two lamaged Japanese warships are there waiting to go into drydock. Despatches printed Wednesday mor. ning said that Viceroy Alexieff left Port Arthur yesterday, proceeding to Harbin with General Pflug, the chief of staff, and the General Staff. This town is about 600 miles northeast of Port Arthur and is at the junction of the two eastern branches of the Si-

berian Railway, one of which runs southwards to Port Arthur and the other eastward to Vladivostock.

Tokio, Feb. 17-Eight transports with Japanese troops from Nagasaki and several additional vessels carrying war munitions are on their way to the western coast of Corea. De tachments of Japanese cavalry have already landed at Wiju, on the Yalu River, . . .

Paris, February 17-An official despatch received here this morning from are Tokio, announces that one of who contribute fifty cents a year. most important movements of Japanese troops yet made is taking place tions they please, they alone need to-day. One of the main branches of know what their intentions are; they the army, consisting of three divisions and including a division may change their intentions from month to month-they may have a Guards, is now going on board transports. The previous landings . 0 two masses in every month, they Japanese forces in Corea and else where are said here to have beer same Mass, they may apply the besmall compared with this simultanenefits of the contribution to the soul ous sailing of three divisions, ag of a deceased friend-These tickets are excellent "In Memoriam Cards" regating approximately an army of 0.000 to 50,000men.

The Japanese authorities taken every precaution to prevent in formation from getting out concerning the embarkation and destination of this army. It is believed, but not known, that the destination this force is a point near the mouth of the Yalu River or a spot on the Liau-tung peninsula flanking

issued on Tuesday to the Russian troops by Viceroy Alexieff follows: "A heroic army and fleet have been ntrusted to me by His Majesty the Emperor, and now, when the eyes of the Czar of Russia and of the world world are upon us, we must remember that it is our sacred duty to protect the Czar and the fatherland. Russia is gneat and powerful, and if our foe is strong this must give us additional strength and power to fight him. The spirit of the Russian soldiers and sailors is high. Our army and navy know many renowned names, which must in this hour serve as an example to us. Our God, who always upheld the cause that is just, has is doing so now. Let us unite for the coming struggle; let every man be of tranquil mind in order the better to fulfil his duty, trusting

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the help of the Almighty, and let every man perform his task, remembering that prayer to God and service to the Empire are never wast-"Long live the Emperor and the

fatherland ! God be with us ! Hunrah !"

St. Petarsburg, February 17-The departure to-day of Vice-Admiral Makaroff (the ice-breaker specialist of the Russian navy, and until recently commander in chief at Cronstadt) to take the place of Vice-Admiral Stark

in command of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur, was marked by impressive scenes ... A great crowd of naval officers, literary men, ordinary citizens and school children, wo choirs, assembled before Admiral Makaroff's house. There was a scene of great enthusiasm, the crowd cheer ing and singing, after which the leading officers and citizens entered, and a religious service was held. The Admiral, in a speech, thanked the naval officers for their good wishes. He said :

"There is warm work out there. They want men, so I am going. We have got to stand by each other now.' The Admiral took a large staff

with him, including engineers and naval architects.

The Grand Duke Cyril, cldest son of Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the Czar, who visited the United States a few years ago, is leaving for the Far East. He is a lieutenant in the navy. His brother, Grand Duke Boris, will be with the army at the front.

Contracts for railway work, mounting to \$20,000,000, placed this year, have been postponed account of the war.

Berlin, February 17-The Admiralty here has received confirmation of the reports that Japanese land opethe rations on a vast scale are taking pface on both of Corea's northern coasts, and it is assumed by the German authonitics that Japan will be ready by early spring for a formal land movement supported by a of properly equipped base. Possibly 250,000 men (according to the estimates made at the German Admiralty), will be in the field before a collision takes place with the Russians in force. . Expert naval opinion Berlin justified the Japanese landing before the Russian fle

destroyed, as to wait until that is accomplished might mean a delay of the land operations for months, consequent on the strengthening of Rus-sia's forces. The expectation express ed by a technical newspaper which reviews the situation is that Japan in the beginning will

In the late revered 'Clerical Studies'' w "Clerical Studies" we the following remarkat "As the height of co to say: I dare not; a of love often is to say: the height of wisdo learned to say : I know This thought may be note to the Church's m failing law of penance, ing abstinence nd to her entire system the threefold mor the flesh, of the eyes, an The Catholic Church has neteen centuries; and, endures for as many cer she will last till then; I the end, may any man fathom the ocean of her wisdom, her practical n dealing with her childre sight into their needs, a purpose to train them purpose to train them in per paths by which they rve God, and carry out designs. She knows per that each one of us will neet more or less stro ions; she knows how we and therefore she lays ce rictions at certain time n things that are of the great visible importance hat we may be trained a d to meet temptation in very grave importance a plain harm to our immort

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It may seem strange to i the Church concerns herse such things as whether we or not at certain seasons, she sometimes forbids us neat and fish on the same ometimes even enjoins a ast." as our valiant sires call it when contentedly s their butterless / bread and Yet her Divine Maste tea.

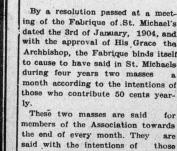
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ST. PATRICK'S

The A.O.H. of Kingston brate the evening of the nati tival by holding a concert. I. Tarte, ex-Minister of Publi will be the orator of the occ

ANun's Silver Ju

Recently at St. Johnsbur the silver jubilee of a Siste known in Montreal, was cele with great enthusiasm. Siste Mary Angela, the object of th ve rejoicings and congratul has been twenty-five years a er of the Congregation of Dame, and has been especially ed in all centres where she had bored and dearly beloved by young pupils who have had th tune to be under her care. occasion of her Jubilee, Mass celebrated in the pretty chapel the Convent. A delightful be was given in the elaborately de of the and in the evening about thint Sister Mary Angela's part friends, including several grad of the Convent, gathered aroun to express their good wishes. A was read in which they p that the good Sister might be s for many years to come to in into young hearts the lesson has ever so successfully imparte



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Of St. Michael's Parish.

in paying your d obts, no matter what others do. Let your rule of business be God's law. nesty wears and secures esteem and confidence. Dishonesty brings evils sooner or later. Debts must be paid or all hope of salvation abandoned. Tears of repentance are unavailing unless all lawful debts are paid. St. Augustine says : "No sin is forgiven till you have restored what you ap Our Lord propriated fraudulently." declanes: "The unjust shall not possess the kingdom of God." (I Cor. vi., 9.) The conscientious Christian dreads the least sin of dishonesty Shun foolish expenses, live within your income, and don't contract debts that you can have no hope of paying when dde. In nearly every instance of people who owe debts here and there and do not pay th mismanagement, spendthrift habits living beyond their means, or indolence is largely the cause. Hundreds of people have the same work, receive about the same wages, derive the To culpably let debts run on for months and years is a positive dis-

A General Congregation of Cardinals, presided over by the Sovereign Pontiff, has just been held to consider the miracles alleged to wrought through the intercession of the venerable parish priest of Ars. When the deliberations were over Pius X. expressed the cons tion he would experience in beatifying Father Vianney, whom he styled a finished model for parish priests.

Davitt on Home Rule

Michael Davitt, arrived at New York on Sunday last on the steam ship Celtic, of the White Star Line Discussing Home Rule, Mr. Davitt feclared the outlook brighten even than in Gladstone's time. "Chamber-lain will be defeated all along the line." he said. "Englishmen are mostly free traders, and I believe they will stay so. I would not be sumprised if the Tories offered us Home Rule."

The Messenger Magazine, New York says : -Trinity College, Dublin, dinected its Registrar to inform Cardi-

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Many favors have been granted to

the Yalu River. This, it is added, is nal Logue that the College was ready to provide religious teaching to not connected with the embarkation of the three divisions referred to in Catholics; the Cardinal to select the these despatches to-day, but Professors from a list of names aptown off which the transport was seen is regarded as likely to be one proved by the Board. To this His Eminence neplied in a three line letof the bases of the land operations of ter acknowledging receipt of the communication, and informing the Board that "he ?ould be no party to the arrangement proposed." the Japanese.

Arthur.

Port Arthur, February 17-The reports that the Japanese have concentrated about 60,000 troops Wonson, on the eastern coast of Co-rea, with the object of entering Manchuria, are confirmed.

the devout clients of this great pr tron, through the intercession of the Russian troops are arriving here continuously, and the modulization of the forces is making excellent protron, through the intercession of the Sisters of St. Joseph, who during the entire amonth of March will willing-ly offer their prayers and good works for such as may seek their aid. Send your petitions to Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth, Ka amazoo Co., Mich. the forces is making excellent pro-gress. The fortress is now thorough-ly prepared to withstand a siege, and is regarded as inaccessible. Gen. Stoessel has issued a reassuring pro-clemation to the populace. The text of the order of the day

considerable land s Port cesses through hard fighting. What may happen after the early lperiod of the land operations no technical person var-Another official despatch says that a Japanese transport has been sight-ed off a town south of the mouth of tures to predict in writing, though it is doubted whether the Siberian Railroad will be at all adequate to reinforce and supply the Russian army. The Marine Rundschau, the semiwas

official publication of the Admiralty, has issued the first of a series of pamphlets designed to keep German naval officers informed as to what is happening in the Far East, and the meaning thereof. After recount-ing and criticizing the opening operations, it says : "When the Japanese squadron with-

"When the Japanese squadron with drew (from Port Arthur) February, 10. the Russians ought to have fol-lowed and have kept in touch with it by means of swift scouts, as the Russian commander sow is ignorant of where it want. The conduct of the Russian ships in retiring to cover in the inner harbor indicates that they wil not again engage the ene-my at see. In the harbor many of the Russian guns will not be effec-tive."

WORKMAN'S QUEER MISH

New York dailies record the fo ng peculiar accident :

Joseph Billy, twenty-three old of No. 356 East Seventy-for street, met with a peculiar accid at the Criminal Courts building He was working in the gine room, having been sent there do some repairing. While twisting mench to tighten a bolt he

same income from business, and yet meet their obligations promptly. Where there is a will to be honest there is a way to be honest.