

FALLACIES ABOUT CHURCH PROPERTY IN CUBA.

A correspondent from Vedado, Cuba, writing to the New York 'Free-Press'...

Travelling about among the people of Cuba, I find that they themselves are not unfrequently laboring under wrong impressions with respect to matters pertaining to their own country...

One of the earlier impressions I received after coming here was the great wealth of the Church. My sources of information, too, were such as to confirm me in the belief that they were entirely reliable.

It is a common saying among Cubans that Colon Cemetery, in Havana, is the 'richest plantation in the island.' To hear them speak of it, one would be led to think that the income from it was thousands of dollars per year...

This is a most beautiful cemetery, noted for the magnificence of its monuments, and is one of the first points visited by tourists to Havana, who are frequently entertained by their guides with stories of the great source of revenue the cemetery is to the Church...

According to an official report made by Secretary Cancio to Governor-General Wood the first of last March, the gross total of real estate encumbrances of the island is \$247,915,490.12...

A species of census known as chaplaincies represents \$3,602,356.24, and another \$1,037,893.92 are for religious worship. These chaplaincies arose out of the fact that Cuba is not a missionary country...

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There are \$795,485.60 of censos reported as belonging to the State, a part of which is claimed by the Church, as it belonged to the religious orders which the State attempted to suppress...

ary by profession, he was the founder and editor of an ably written newspaper, and the author of some admirable comedies...

Less we could not say of the eminent Canadian now dead; more we could not attempt, without detailing the whole of his checkered biography...

Never of very robust constitution the anxieties incident to political life, the long nights of Parliament-ary watching and labor, as well as the unnatural burden which he assumed when he undertook the duties of Provincial Treasurer...

MR. T. M. HEALY'S LATEST ATTITUDE

The controllers and policy of the United Irish League are the subject of a long letter which Mr. T. M. Healy, M.P., has addressed to a friend in Dundalk...

Bishop Sbarretti has the faculty from Rome to release all the church censos in his diocese even at less than their nominal value. Since all censos are payable at the will of the land-owners they are less objectionable encumbrances than mortgages...

NOTES FROM QUEBEC.

Quebec, Sept. 26.

FATHER O'LEARY.—The tribute that is being prepared all over Canada, and by citizens of all creeds and races, for the Rev. Father O'Leary, on his return from South Africa, is one so fully deserved that comment is almost superfluous.

In a recent article in the 'Atlantic Monthly,' a writer, referring to the censos owned by the Church, makes the following misleading statement: 'These so-called church mortgages are now amounting to millions of dollars, and to-day cloud the title to hundreds of thousands of acres of the most valuable land.'

The poor and miserable efforts of such organizations as the A.P.A. and kindred bodies to place the sentiments and principles of Catholics and of Catholicity in a false light before the world, vanish, like smoke, in the presence of such facts as the lives and actions of our nuns and priests present for the contemplation and edification of mankind.

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It is impossible to arouse the voters to any enthusiasm. Indeed, the display of apathy is so marked as to show that Lord Salisbury rightly gauged the mood of the country when he devoted the greater part of his own manifesto to an effort to convince the electors of the danger of keeping away from the polls.

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OUR REQUEST.

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way lines damaged so that no trains can reach them. Reports indicate that the heaviest damage is at San Angelo, although many bridges in Brownwood have been wrecked. It is also feared many lives have been lost.

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