

POPULARITY OF IRISH M. P.'S IN ENGLAND.

Never have the Irish members of Parliament enjoyed anything approaching to the favor which is now lavished upon them in Catholic circles in England. Past political disagreements are forgotten. No one intimates that it is for Ireland's best interests that England should persist in ruling her...

the ex-priest, but now he has appealed to Bishop Bevan, imploring pardon for his faults, expressing penitence, and professing himself willing to make honorable amends to the Bishop's satisfaction, for the scandal he has caused.

THE FAILURES OF BROTHER FELIX.

In a great monastery, in the heart of the beautiful Rhineland, there lived once on a time, a good little monk named Brother Felix. He prayed long and fervently, he never lost a moment of all his days, and yet it had become a proverb among his brethren that Brother Felix never succeeded.

All this, of course, is because the Irish members have fought the English Catholics' battle in the matter of the Birkell Education Bill, and because whatever concessions the government has made have been won by these strenuous fighters.

Dear Mr. Redmond—Before you leave London I desire to express to you once more, and through you to my countrymen, my warm and hearty thanks for the earnest and able efforts that you have been making the past months in defence of the interests of our schools.

This, however, is no more than might have been expected from Archbishop Bourne, who has always shown a friendly spirit to the Irish, and who in his summary days had the inestimable privilege of the tutelage of a great Irishman, the Very Rev. John B. Hogan, D. D., so well remembered in Boston and Washington for his presidency of the Archdiocesan Seminary in the former city, and of Divinity College of the Catholic University of America in the latter.

It should be pointed out that there will soon be a way in which they can prove their appreciation of the Irish friend in need. There seems no doubt that the principal measure before Parliament in 1907 will be an Irish Home Rule Bill, framed on lines at least as broad as the recent Home Rule Bill for the Transvaal, which the Irish members recently supported.

And wonderful, wonderful! Just as the sky was lighting pink in the west, and I had prayed my hardest prayer, a glorious angel, beaming and smiling, stood at my bedside. Without ever a word, he held his bright hands towards me, filled with glittering jewels, diamonds and rubies, and emeralds, bigger than those in the great gold monstrance in the cathedral yonder.

Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, at the recent pilgrimage of English Catholics to the shrine of St. Patrick, while expressing the representative spirit of the Irish Members of Parliament in putting the religious interests of their English fellow believers before all else, made clear, however, to his guests that it was Ireland's intention to get rid of the alien Parliament as soon as possible, and bring her members home to do her good for their own country.—Boston Pilot.

HE IS PENITENT.

EX-PRIEST BERGER ASKS TO BE ALLOWED TO RE-ENTER THE FOLD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Courrier du Maine, a sparkling Catholic semi-weekly, which just began publication at Lewiston, Me., contains in its current issue an interesting bit of news. Too lengthy for literal translation (the Courrier is published in French a summary will be gladly received.)

It will be remembered that several years ago in the diocese of Springfield, Mass., that a French Canadian congregation at North Brookfield rebelled against episcopal authority and established an independent church. They wanted a church and priest of their own and the Bishop would not grant their request, stating that there were not enough families to maintain a church and priest. They seceded, and at once Rev. Jean Berger, who was sent to them and began to officiate.

schoolmaster was called out to give his opinion. He looked and studied. "Yes," he said, "I can tell you what that thing is—that is a Roman Catholic!" The villagers were astonished; they heard what a Roman Catholic was, and now they had seen one!—Archbishop Agius, quoted by The Lamp (Anglican).

BIBLICAL COMMISSION HAS ISSUED PRONOUNCEMENT UPON THE PENTATEUCH.

In reply to inquiries as to the correct attitude of Catholics toward the Higher Criticism relative to the Pentateuch, the Biblical Commission has issued a document sealed with the Pope's approval, of which the London Daily Chronicle's Roman correspondent has telegraphed the following translation.

1. Despite the arguments formulated by modern criticism against the Mosaic authenticity of the Pentateuch greater regard must be had for the witness of the Old and New Testaments, the constant persuasion of the Jewish people, and the uninterrupted tradition of the church equally with the eternal proofs derivable from the sacred books themselves. It must be maintained that these books have Moses for their author and have not been composed of elements for the most part later than his time.

2. It does not follow, however, that Moses wrote the Pentateuch entirely with his own hand, or dictated it to all copyists. It may be admitted that when he had conceived his work under Divine inspiration, he confided its redaction to one or more secretaries. It may be further admitted that they have truly rendered his thought, neither adding nor omitting anything contrary to his intentions; and that they have published their labors only after having obtained the inspired author's approbation of the work which bears his name.

3. It is likewise admissible that Moses, in composing the Pentateuch, availed himself of earlier sources, written documents, or oral traditions, whereof, under Divine inspiration, he made use conformably to the end he proposed attaining; so that he borrowed sometimes the words, and at other times the sense, only abridging or amplifying according to the circumstances.

4. It may further be admitted that the books of Moses in the long course of centuries which have elapsed since their composition have undergone some modifications; as, for instance, certain additions, written by some inspired author after the death of Moses; certain glosses and explanations interpolated into the text; certain words and phrases of doubtful origin introduced into the text; and lastly, certain false readings attributable to the unskillfulness of copyists. It belongs to the province of criticism to employ the rules of its art in the research and discernment of these modifications.

THE FIRST JESUIT PRIEST.

Jesuits all over the world celebrated the feast of Blessed Peter Faber, S. J., on August 5. Blessed Peter, the first companion of St. Ignatius, was born in a village in the mountains of Savoy. Here as a boy he watched over his father's flock, and when opportunity offered, carried on his studies under his parish priest, the saintly and learned Pedro Vellardo. The lad possessed great talents, and his lonely life among the mountains drew him into close communion with God. Desirous of cultivating his talents, he left home and went to Paris where, while applying himself to his theological studies in the college of St. Barbara, he met St. Ignatius. Both were strongly drawn to each other and became fast friends. On the advice of St. Ignatius Blessed Peter took sacred orders. He was the first of the Society of Jesus, and when at Montmartre St. Ignatius and his companion pronounced their vows, it was Blessed Faber who celebrated the holy sacrifice. By order of the Supreme Pontiff he was sent to Parma, and after ward to Germany to defend the doctrines of the Church against the reformers. At Worms, Ratibon, Spire and Cologne he met his opponents in public debate; while in the churches of the city he explained the word of God to crowded audiences. Leaving Blessed Canisius, S. J., to continue this work, he journeyed through Belgium, France, Spain and Portugal exercising his apostolic work. Having been appointed by Pope Paul III, theologian to the Council of Trent, he set out from Spain at the command of St. Ignatius, but died in Rome shortly after his arrival.

AMUSING STORY OF GONE BY PREJUDICE.

Archbishop Agius illustrates the now happily declining prejudices of Englishmen toward everything Roman by the following story: There was a time when to name a Roman Catholic was to name a bogey; they knew nothing about Roman Catholics; or knew only as much about them as they knew about fish in the midland counties of England. Before the time when fish were sent by express and by railroads throughout the country it was almost unknown in the midland counties. On one occasion there was a fisherman going through a midland county with a basket of fish on his back. A crab fell out. The villagers came out and saw this awful thing creeping backwards and forwards. They turned and looked and wondered, and no one could make out what the monster was. Whereupon the

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New York Evening Post. "Possibly most men who handle church collections have had experience with the man who has mistaken a five-dollar gold piece for a penny," said the assistant treasurer of a Broadway church. "I have met the gentleman frequently myself. Sometimes he has given me trouble mixed with surprise, but the last time I had dealings with him he simply furnished the surprise minus the trouble. He came to see me early on a Monday morning. "I attended service yesterday," he said. "I made a mistake when you took up the collection. I had a penny and a five-dollar gold piece in my pocket. I think—"

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Slaves of Charity Hospital, Sufferers.

There will be four vacancies in the Training school, between October 1st, 1906 and February 1st, 1907. The course is two years and three months. Board, laundry, and books supplied. A remuneration of \$5 a month is given. Applicants must be over twenty-two, and every year of good education. Sufferers in their own homes from St. Anthony's Hospital, 177 Yonge St., Toronto.

A Pure Food.

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DIocese OF PETERBORO.

Last Saturday, Aug. 11th, His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, paid his official visit to Downsville parish, when he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to ninety-five children. He was met on the way from Lindsay to Downsville by the pastor, Rev. P. J. McGuire, and a large contingent of parishioners, who escorted him to St. Luke's Church, where an address of welcome was read by Mr. Matthews on behalf of the congregation. In replying to the address His Lordship referred in pleasing terms to the many improvements he noticed on all sides, notably to the two new separate schools recently established, and the improved condition of sheds and surroundings. Saturday afternoon was devoted to a critical examination of the children in Christian doctrine. His Lordship expressed his great pleasure at finding the children so thoroughly prepared, and so well instructed, not alone in the letter but also in the spirit of the teaching. A fact which evidenced a careful training on the part of pastor and teachers. At first Mass on Sunday morning His Lordship gave Holy Communion for the first time to the whole class, and afterwards explained clearly and carefully to the children the significance of the great Sacrament they had received. At the conclusion of the High Mass sung by the pastor, His Lordship again addressed the children and people on the Sacrament of Confirmation, its meaning and necessity. He dwelt at length on the great need of increased strength of faith in this age of religious indifference, and exhorted the children to be good practical Catholics, and worthy of the Sacrament of Confirmation, assisted by the pastor and Rev. M. O'Leary. His Lordship's address to the congregation was replete with fatherly advice and shows his deep solicitude for the moral training and Christian education of the youth of the parish. In the evening His Lordship again assisted at Vespers and Benediction and the pastor of the parish, Rev. M. P. O'Leary, preached a practical sermon on the gospel of the Sunday, dwelling in particular on the necessity of cooperation to win for sinners a better life. Aug. 16.

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