POPULARITY OF IRISH M. P.'S IN ENGLAND. Never have the Irish members of Parliament enjoyed anything approach-ing to the favor which is now lavished upon them in Catholic circles in Eng-land. Past political disagreements that it is " for Ireland's best interests " that Encland should persist in ruling her ;

is "for Ireland's best interests" that England should persist in ruling her; nor is there a trace of that extraord-inary altruism by which the "unco" guid " of a few decades ago were pre-pared to give to Ireland more than her share of spiritual blessings, if only she would ren unce all claim to a por-tion of those mundane good things which, after all, were not intended by the Giver to be monopolized by the "predominant partner." THE FAILURES OF BROTHER 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 brothers that Bro.

FELIX.

Benzigers Magazine.

If he were given a plot to weed in

at watching the grist-mill, he would have wheat flour and rye flour hopeless-

ly mingled together before ever it was evening. And so it came to be a by-

word, whenever anything went wrong

perversely wrong with him ; nor ever complained of "ill luck," or "bad tools," or other convenient things on

which men blame their shortcomings.

But whenever anything turned out badly, or was spoiled, or mixed up, or

sacred corridors. And one and all they guessed that Brother Felix surely must

There he lay, smiling still, even from

dying?" they asked, by their glances at one another. "Why, if he goes, there'll be no sunshine in the house."

was almost merry about it. So the good Father Abbot came forward, and

bent over his bed, and spoke very

"Brother Felix," said he, "you

softly.

The little man looked around on them smiling as cheerfully as if it were a fes-tival. You could see that dying was no very dreadful ordeal for him—he

and visit him in the infirmary.

"predominant partner." All this, of course, is because the Irish members have fought the English proverb among his brethren that Bro ther Felix never succeeded. Catholics' battle in the matter of the the garden, he weeded the flowers all away, and left the springing thistles. If he were set at sewing a habit, he was sure to put one sleeve on inside out, of pointing backwards, so that only a cripple could wear it. If he were set Birrell Education Bill, and because whatever concessions the government has made have been won by these stren-nons fighters They have awakened the Anglicans : their influence is felt in the House of L ords and when, after the renewed struggle next autumn, the bill finally emerges in a form possible of acceptance by religious minded parents and citizens, the honors will be with John Redmond and his followers. in the little man's care, "Another failure" they would say, with a smile, "for poor Brother Felix."

The Duke of Norfolk, heretofore rampant anti Home ruler, praised the Irish Party in the first debates on the bill in the House of Lords. We know not whether the Dake has changed his mind on the Irish Nationalist policy, but at least he has had the manliness but at least ne has had the mainteese to point out the disinterested courage with which the Irish members, "disre-garding a political temptation which must have been strong, fought a noble fight for the Catholic children of Eng-

Father Bernard Vaughan, S. J., brother of the late Cardinal, and himbrother of the late data in an in Eng-land, because of his attacks on "the Sins of Society," has declared that not only English Catholics, but English Protestants who wanted definite religione education for their children, are r a lasting debt of gratitude to the Irish me mbers.

Archbishop Bourne, Cardinal Manning's successor in the See of West-minster, has sent the appended letter to Mr. John Redmond, M. P. :

Archbishop's House, The second secon efforts that you have been making the past months in defence of the interests of our

Schools, in this I know that I am expressing In saying this I know that I am expressing not only my own feelings, but those of all my brethren in the Hierarchy of England. I hope that you will have a good rest in pre-paration for the renewed struggle in the suturn. I leave England on Monday, and I shall be away until about the middle of Sentember.

nber, very sincerely, (Signed) FRANCIS. Archbishop of Westminster.

This, however, is no more than might have been expected from Arch-bishop Bource, who has always shown a friendly spirit to the Irish, and who a friendly spirit to the Irish, and who in his seminary days had the inestim-able 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 pleasant to grateful English Catholics to know that there will soon be a way in which they can prove their appreciation of the Irish friend in need. There seems no doubt tossed, saying over and over again to myself: 'What shall I do, what shall I that the principal measure before Par-liament 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 ardently supported. By that time the Education question will have found, it is expected, a fair solution, and the failures.

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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 Catholie!" The villagers were qu'-satisfied; they heard what a Roman Catholie was, and now they had seen one !—Archbishop Agius, quoted by The Lamp (Angl'cat). And yet, with all his misfortunes --which he tried with all his might to which he there with all his might to remedy, without ever succeeding—with them all, I say, it was wonderful to see what a cheery, patient, humble little Brother this Felix was. He never grew angry nor sulky when things went

BIBLICAL COMMISSION HAS IS-SUED PRONOUNCEMENT UPON THE PENTATEUCH.

In reply to inquires as to the correct attitude of Catholics toward the Higher Criticism relative to the Pentamisunderstood, or broken, Brother Felix would humbly beg everyone's pardon, and take all the blame, and teuch, the Biblical Commission has is sued a document sealed with the Pope's approval, of which the London Daily paraon, and take all the blame, and solemnly say to himself with an air of stern admonition; "Stupid Brother Felix! When you get to heaven you will have nothing to offer to your Lord but two big hat dfuls of ugly failures!" Chronicle's Roman correspondent has telegraphed the following translation.

1. Despite the arguments formulated by modern criticism against the Mosaic authenticicity of the Pentateuch So his simple days ran on, until one morning every one missed a quick mov-ing step and a sunny smile along the 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 could with the of the church equally with the eternal proofs derivable from the the sacred books themselves. It must be ill, and hastened to ask leave to go

be maintained that these books have the snowy pillow, and around him such a concourse of anxious faces that you would have thought it was the Father Abbot himself. "Brother Felix 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

"Brother Feitx, " said he, " you seem right joyful to die!" "Ah, but last night, when they told me I was going," said the Brother, in thin, feeble tones, "I was not so joy ful, revorend Father Abbot-I was sad. "Yon blundering Brother Felix," said I to muscif, " when sont of a forme mill to myself, 'what sort of a figure will you make coming up to the throne, with nothing at all to show for these many years but failures, and blunders and failures?' So most of the night I worried and tossed and worried and

say for myself, with nothing to shart i say for myself, with nothing to show but only two handfuls of failures? "Then, after they had brought me my sweet Lord in the holy communion I and the mith solid provided with solid solid. asked Him with all my might, only to please let me know what I sho. Id say or do about all of my blunders and

econd to receive Holy Communion at least four times a year with a recommendation to receive it monthly; and the third.-a promise from the boys-aotto drink intoxicating liquor before the age of twenty one years, when sense enough to keep away from it allostenter. The choral services throughout the Bishop's visit were sweetly rendered under the talented at the organ which peaked its praises in music armonious and inspiring. His tarkin in order to be at Cutler on Sunday sterncon, and the pastoral visitation was then brught to a close. Ary from the were ing Rev. Father Des-ing the reception the visitation was then or protestant neighbors, upon whom Rev fathered has in indwers for the altars bay of these flow; were from the gardens of Protestant neighbors, upon whom Rev fathered has and hought fulnes. "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 him he simply furnished the surprise minus the trouble. He came to see me early on a Monday morning.

A SURPRISE.

New York Evening Post.

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----' "The old gentleman stopped to take breath. Before he could go on I ent in breath. Before he could go on I cut in impatiently. I had heard the same complaint before, and thought it ust as wel. to shut down on him before he had a chance to commit himself. Last Saturday, Aug. 11th. His Lordship Bishop O'Connor, paid his official visit to Downeyville parish when he administered the sacrament of Confirmation to ninety. five chil-deen

"' I think you are mistaken,' I said. 'We had no five dollar gold pieces in Sunday's collection.'

"" That is just what I am trying to get at, ' said the old gentleman. - 'You should have had one. I meant to put mine in the basket, but I made a mistake and dropped in the penny instead. I came back this morning on purpose to give you the five. '"

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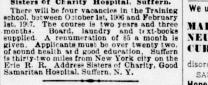
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acrament of community of marked to dren. He was met on the way from Lindsay to Downeyville by the pastor. Rev. P. J. Mc Guire, and a large contingent of parishioners, who escorted him to St. Luke's Church. where an address of welcome was read by Mr. Mat-thews. on b-half of the congregation. In replying to the address His Lordship re-ferred in pleasing terms to the many improve-ments he noticed on all sides, notably to the two new separate schools recently established, and the improved condition of sheds and sur-roundings.

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Saturday Afternoon was devoted to a critical examination of the children in Chi sitian doctrine. His Lordship expressed his great pleas ure at fielding the children is to thoroughly prepared, and so well instructed, not alone in the letter of the catrochiem bat also in its meaning. a fact which evidenced a careful training on the part of neasons of the children is the second teachers.
At first Mass on Sunday morping His Lord ship gave Holy Communion for the first time to the whole class, and after wards explained clearly and carefully to the children the significance of the great Sacrament they had received.
At the conclusion of the High Mass surg by the pastor. His Lordship asin address do the children neasons, at length on the great neared of increased strength of faith in this age of religions in difference. And exhorted the children to be great clearly and extended worthy of izens. His Lordship the hadron we replete with fatherly advite and shows his deep solicitude for the worth of the part.
In the evening His Lordship again assisted at Vepers and Benediction and the pastor of the revent of the starting and Christian education of the super length on the great need of the super starting and Christian education of the s

DIOCESE OF PETERBORO.

" And wonderful, wonderful ! Just h Catholics can unite with the Irish in the latter's just demand for self government just as the Irish Cathoas the sky was lighting pink in the west, and I had prayed my hardest prayer,"a glorious angel, beaming and smiling, stood at my beside. Without ever a word, he held his bright hands lics united with the English to save the latter's schools. It would be a great thing to see the Duke of Norfolk and the Marquis of Ripon together at a big Home Rule meeting in London, and towards me, filled with glittering jewels, diamonds and rubies, and emerthe former might feel that King Edward himself had blazed the way for alds, bigger than those in the great gold monstrance in the cathedral yonder. "' 'Oh, my dear angel,' cried I, 'what are they? Whose are they? From Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Ar-

magh, at the recent pilgrimage of Eng-lish Catholics to the shrine of St. Patrick, while expressing the repre-sentative spirit of the Irish Members of Parliament in putting the religious in terests of their English fellow believers before all else, made clear, however, to his guests that it was Ireland's inten-tion to get rid of the alien Parliament as soon as possible, and bring her mem bers home to do son e good for their own country.—Boston Pilot.

HE IS PENITENT.

EX PRIEST BERGER ASKS TO BE ALLOWED REENTER THE FOLD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Courrier du Maine, a sparkling Catholic semi-weekly, which just be gun publication at Lewiston, Me., con tains 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 con-gregation at North Brookfield rebelled gainst episcopal authority and estab Roman Catholic was to name a bogy; they knew nothing about Roman Catholics; or knew only as much about them as they knew about fish in the idland carnetic function. By for the lished 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 midland counties of England. Before the church and priest. They seceded, and at once Rev. Jean Berger, who pre time when fish were sent by express and by railroads throughout the country it was almost unknown in the midland

tended to be a regular priest, has-tended to them and began to officiate. This was in 1898. They builded a church of their own, but later it It was almost unknown in the midland counties. On one occasion there was a fasherman going through a midland county with a basket of fish on his back. A crab fell out. The villaburned down. Right on the heels of this came an official message from Rome gers came out and saw this awful thing solemnly excommunicating both the priest and his people. After this a number of the dissidents gradually recreeping backwards and forwards. They turned and looked and wondered, and no one could make out what the monster was. Whereupon the turned to the faith. Others clung to

all, only failures !

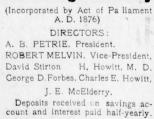
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" ' No,' said the angel, softly, ' they were dug out of very stony earth, by a brave little Brother named Felix. And brave little Brother named Felix. And they were ugly to look at, and men called them failures. But this is how they seem to angels' eyes—polished and cut by tears of penance, and blows of sorrow and humility. And so," the little Brother finished wearily," you, Father Abbot, who are a learned man, will understand better than I all that the bright ancel meant. But as for the bright angel meant. But as for me, I am content, for I have seen, and so, after all, I am content to die. For any one would be happy, I think, to get to heaven, and offer his dear Lord such pretty gifts; even if they are, after all, only two handfuls of shining AMUSING STORY OF GONE BY PREJUDICE Archbishop Agius illustrates the PREJUDICE

Archbishop Agius illustrates the now happily declining prejudice of Englishmen toward everything Roman by the following story: There was a time when to name a scrifice. 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, Ratisbon, Spires and Colonge he met his opponents in public debate :

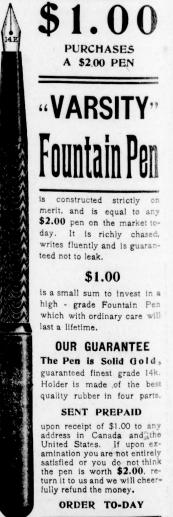
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