The sudden death of Lawrence Ginnell, the Envoy of the Irish Republican party to America, in his hotel room in Washington came as a shock to the members of all Irish factions—and deeply grieved not merely his own political friends but tens of thousands of his but tens of thousands of his political opponents—for even his enemies could not deny that poor Ginnell was the soul of sincerity and was always ready to sacrifice himself for his ideals. In fact his death was the result of insistently and consistently sacrificing himself. Ginnell, because of his independence of thought, was hounded and hunted by the British, imprisoned again and again. For years before the outbreak of the Anglo-Irish war—that is to say for years during that is to say for years during which he stood practically alone he defied the British Empire and all its powers. A member of the British Parliament, he deliberately broke away from the Irish Parliamentary Party as soon as he dis-covered how devitalized they had become and that they were simply the tame tale of the British Liberal Then the Irish Parliamen tary Party joined the British Empire in hounding poor Ginnell. When the shibboleth of the tame rish Parliamentary party became "Don't embarrass the Government," Ginnell on principle stood out and moved Heaven and earth to embarrass the British Government," ment in every way possible. His chief method was by inspiring, encouraging and leading the cattle driving campaign of the Irish Midlands, which covered a period of half a dozen years preceding the outbreak of the World War.

A great portion of the rich low-lands of the Irish Midlands is in the hands of a comparatively few large graziers, who raise many thousands of bullocks on these great sweeps of fat land that ought to extraordinary effect, heartening, be feeding and raising men. be feeding and raising men. The poor small farmers around The poor small farmers around these great grazing ranches have a great struggle to live and to hring up a family on farms that is small still of course continue by the fighting band whatever heart had remained with them. A little fighting up a family on farms that bring up a family on farms that usually consist of only a few acres of bog; and then the thousands of landless people who should be civil war is to all purposes ended. earning a support from the tilling these great gross ranches, even if they were not permitted to own part of them, eke out a most precarious existence, Heaven only knows how. A half a dozen years or so before the World War, a great movement spread among the cottars and the landless ones of the Midlands, to force the big ranch owners to break up their vast tracts and rent or sell them in parcels to those who needed them, and who by tillage would A violent agitation for the breaking of the ranches began. Crowds of the landless ones would assemble descend upon one of these country. The British Government of course stepped in to stop this, and Mr. Redmond and his party backed up the Government. Gin-nell fiercely fought for and headed the agitators, and was again and again beaten by the authorities, and thrown into jail—until at length his health was undermined. Then again during the Anglo-Irish war, Ginnell took a stand with the people and again and again came in for a repetition of brutal treatonly wonder is that instead of dying in Washington, he did not die in the hands of his torturers. the Anglo-Irish war ended, Ginnell was physically a

"THE BREHON LAWS"

Ginnell was by profession a lawyer, but he sacrificed his law practise in his devotion to the people. Coming out at the end a financially broken man as well as a physically broken man, the only thing that his British enemies could not break was Larry Ginnell's spirit. His book upon the "Brehon Laws," the very ancient laws of Ireland, is a capital work, highly interesting and informing, and may in some measure be said to be a literary monument to It should be mentioned that Redmond's action in helping the British Government against Ginnell was one of the chief causes of his downfall, being the beginning of the marked disintegration of his parliamentary party. For after he had persisted in this stand for some years, the Midlands began to resent his nominees for parliament try saw that the Midlands could safely snap their fingers at Redmond's dictatorship, people here and there who had hitherto been his and there who had hitherto been his slavish followers took heart to object publicly to the West Britonism, into which he was falling, to ism, into which he was falling, to speak out against him, to rebel broken, fourteen tombstones pushed

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IRELAND SEEN THROUGH
IRISH EYES

LAWRENCE GINNELL

The sudden death of Lawrence Ginnell, the Envoy of the Irish Republican party to America, in Republican party to Ameri turned themselves into recruiting sergeants for the British Empire, the great landslide came, swept him and his party into the discard forever, and left him to realize at last that if he had served the true Irish national ideal, as he spent himself serving the British Imperial ideal, he would not come to die of a broken heart. Poor Ginnell dying broken heart. Poor Ginnell dying alone in Washington had his last moments beautifully consoled with the reflection that, alike through shower and shine, through days of gloom and days of gladness, he had single-mindedly given himself, heart, soul and body for Ireland. May God give his soul rest.

RAPID COLLAPSE OF REBELLION The Republican fight in Ireland

has with unanticipated rapidity been riding to collapse in recent weeks. First the defection of Liam Deasy seemed to be the beginning of the end. Then the death of their biggest man, the brains of the fighting Liam Lynch, coming on top of that, hastened disaster. highting Liam Lynch, coming on top of that, hastened disaster. Rapidly followed the arrest of Austin Stack, De Valera's right hand man politically, and then the capture of Dan Breen. The fates seem to be loading the dice against the failing Republicans with a vengeance? Again, though the capture of Stack was in itself a severe disaster, coming in on a high tide of disasters, the document found in his possession calling for an end of the fight, had probably a greater moral effect upon the whole situation than the other four disasters together. No matter how many and how great the disasters that befall an army, that army is never beaten until it confesses to itself that it is beaten. The document found upon Stack was a frank confession that the last stage was reached, that they realized they were beaten. Its discovery and publication then had

There have been desperate moves made to get the Papal envoy in Ireland to arbitrate between the Republicans and the Government, but the efforts have been vain; the envoy recognizes the delicacy of his position and he also realizes that in the shadows of the collapse of the Republican fight, the victors will not cherish any arbitration spirit. It is understood that he was not only willing but anxious to assume the role of arbitrator. And it was understood that the Republican leaders were covertly anxiously that he should do so—although they would not comand descend upon one of the ranches, forcibly drive off the bullocks that fattened and battened bullocks that fattened and battened openly for it. But it is also an Father Callaghan said that his promise themselves by coming out openly for it. But it is also an Father Callaghan said that his open secret that the Government party strenuously and firmly realized that in the fight in the field, success was already in their grasp. The Freeman's Journal, which has been a supporter of the Government through thick and thin, came out with a very frank editorial on the subject meant to silence both the peace advocates of the country, and to warn the envoy that arbitration was not wanted and would not be tolerated. four months ago, when the fight raged more fiercely, and the Republicans were in a stronger position, it is well known that the Government would have been glad to concede easy terms to the Republican fighters—but now that the fight is in their own hands, the only condition is absolute surrender.

BELFAST S NEW DIVERSION

It will be remembered that the killing of Sir Henry Wilson in London put a sudden end to the orgy of killings in Belfast. It was one of the most extraordinary changes that ever came over a population who were in the throes madness, raging with lust for blood. There is an almost humdrum quiet settled down upon the stormy city, as far as the taking of human life is concerned. It is now said to be one of the safest spots in Ireland. A Belfast minister, recently preaching at a revival meeting told how that one of the leading gunmen during the days of blood in Belfast, was now teaching a class in his Sunday School. Ye gods! Yet for all that, Belfast must have and to put in their own independing its little diversion. One of its ents. When the rest of the counmost recent, most playful, pranks most recent, most playful, pranks was performed in a cemetery in the night there swept a human whirl-

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" LITTLE THEATRE" CARDINAL O'CONNELL GIVES

READY APPROVAL TO

MOVEMENT Hearty approval of the Catholic "little theatre" movement was voiced by His Eminence, Cardinal William O'Connell of Boston in an interview in which he gave his approbation to plans for the formation of a national organization of Catholic dramatic clubs to foster the work outlined at conferences of representatives of these organiza-tions held in Washington last September and November.

The plan for the national organi-The plan for the national organization was outlined to Cardinal O'Connell by a committee composed of the Rev. John J. Callaghan of St. Matthew's Church, Washington; the Rev. C. Vincent Mooney, C. S. C., of Holy Gross College and Daniel E. Doran.

"This is God's work," said Cardinal O'Connell; "and I am glad to know that our Catholic young people are being aroused to the necessity of combatting the evil tendencies of the stage today. Much can be accomplished by setting before our young people high ideals towards which they can aspire and aiding them in the selecting and prepar-ing those productions which represent the best aspirations of American life. In the past, the Church has been too busily engaged in Church. attending to fundamental works, such as the building of churches and schools, to pay particular attention to this type of activity, but the time seems to be ripe for a definite movement that will redound to our

benefit as Catholics and as citizens. In outlining plans for the new organization, Father Callaghan pointed out that the delegates to the conferences held in Washington agreed that:

1. There is need for greater co operation between the university or college as a dramatic workshop and the parish dramatic club;

2. Much of the best Catholic amateur talent in large cities is drifting into the secular and oft-times pagan "little theatre" move-ment because it cannot find in the parish clubs a sufficient medium for European soil. artistic expression;

3. Hundreds of parish clubs are unfamiliar with modern stage deunfamiliar with modern stage of vices that would annually save them large sums or which would permit its faithful people. This is an inalienable right of the Church, inalienable right of the Church,

interest in the movement was due arily to the fact that vast majority of the lages at which he had primarily of this fact at the conferences held in Washington and of the expresthe parish dramatic club in bring-ing Catholic young people into social

composed of leaders of Catholic dramatic clubs throughout the United States for the purpose of outlining the scope of the proposed national organization. It is planned to hold sectional conferences of Catholic dramatic clubs in many of the large cities of the United States during the next few months and to make arrangements for a national conference to be held later in the year. Catholic schools and colleges will be invited to take a leading part in plans for the pro-posed organization, according to Father Callaghan. Miss Miriam E. been appointed as temporary secretary of the executive committee to be organized forthwith

NOT ABSENTEE LANDLORD

The Earl of Fingall who has just celebrated his sixty-fourth birth-day is one of the leading Catholic peers in Ireland. He is one of the few Irish Peers who have main-

The present Earl is the eleventh holder of the Irish peerage. The founder of the family was Sir Christopher Plunkett who became Lord of Killeen was created Earl of Lord Killeen was created Earl of Eingall in 1828. Blessed Oliver the arts and from Henry VIII to Fingall in 1628. Blessed Oliver Plunkett was a cousin of the Earl of Fingall of his day.

MOSCOW ATROCITIES PUT IN TRUE LIGHT

BOLSHEVISTS HAVE RENEWED FOR CHRISTIANITY THE DAYS OF NERO

By the Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahar When the Bolshevist Commissar, Justice Kursky, undertakes through the Associated Press to assure the the Associated Press to assure the world that the Soviet Government "has not for a moment infringed the freedom of faith guaranteed by the 1918 decree of Separation of Church and State," he is guilty of a gross falsehood. That decree abolished all property rights of the Christian Church in Russia, configurated arbitrarily all its possess. fiscated arbitrarily all its posses-sions, movable and immovable, and left it only the precarious use of its temples. Thereby Bolshevism struck a savage blow at the visible and material life of the Christian religion, and undertook to relegate it to silence, helplessness, speedy decay. Thank God, glorious martyrdom of Father Butkiewicz and his companions and criticism of Tertullian. the no less admirable confession of Archbishop Cepliak, "worthy of the period of Nero," have crystal-lized Christian sentiment the world over, and opened the eyes of all Western peoples to the anti-Christian character of the atrocities of Moscow. These Christian heroes stand henceforth beside St. Thomas a Becket, the great-hearted defender of the liberties of the English

MCCULLAGH REPORTS RECALLED

In his splendid reports Francis McCullagh has reproduced, perhaps unwittingly, the stirring pages of Eusebius of Casarea, in which that Tintoretto of Church history described in immortal Greek the last decade of the Roman persecu-tions, when every energy of the great pagan Empire was bent on rooting out and destroying the religion of Jesus Christ. Fire and sword, malicious forgeries, hoste writings and the cruel make writings, and the cruel mob co-operated for ten years, but the endwas Constantine the Great and the definite triumph of the Christian ideas of life and thought. Since then Russia for the first time sets afoot a similar persecution on

These Russian Christian martyrs died for defending the right of the large sums or which would permit them to present attractions they now feel they cannot undertake;

4. There is a real need of a central bureau for the dissemination of information concerning plays suitable for Catholic audiences, as well as royalities, stagecraft and other subjects of moment to the parish director.

its faithful people. This is an inalienable right of the Church, granted to it by Jesus Christ when He made it a perfect society, subordinate within its own nature and titles to no other society, and endowed by the same divine authority with its own means for attaining that noblest of all ends, the salvaband-maiden of the civil power, it never dared to withstand its brutal

The Church is by divine authority a public, visible, active association of the faithful, world-wide and marriages at which he had officiated since his ordination had been between Catholics and non-Catholics and told of the discussion acquire, hold, and use material acquire, hold, and use material goods for the purposes made known in Washington and of the expressions of opinions of priests who were delegates as to the value of the parish dramatic club in bringif Father Butkiewicz died for defending a single chalice, he died a blessed martyr. The Christian contact with one another.

As a result of the stimulus furnished by the approbation of Cardinal O'Connell, plans will immediately be set afoot for the formation of an executive committee formation of an executive committee around the Mediterranean, supported their missionary agents. ported their missionary agents everywhere, cared for divine everywhere, cared for divine worship, provided for widows and orphans, for the sick and poor, for travellers and captives, and generally for the social of the hard selfish world of their day. Leo XIII. tells us that they did this "by the divine charter of the Church, that implies its right, based on the will of Christ, to all that is needful for its maintenance and action.

The Roman cemeteries, known as the catacombs, were probably its first possessions, and around them Loughran, Ph. D., of Washington, the representative of Trinity College at the recent conferences, has of the world. In time vast posses-sions came to the Roman Church in Italy, Gaul and Spain, but they were administered for the general welfare, and soon combined with the lavish donations of their barbarian converts, to create the mediaeval wealth of the Church, out of which arose the charitable, social, educational and religious institutions of those ages, the hospitals and refugees, the monastained a permanent residence in the country. He and the Counters of and universities, and in general active interest in social and philan-private life which during a thou-private life which during t sand years called itself and was istic Congress at Paris, July 4 to 8. ment.

the arts, and from Henry VIII. to the French Revolution dissipated it, in favor of private and selfish uses. Cobbett's Letters and the history of the French Assignats show what happened to much of this Christian

RUSSIA IMITATING PAGAN ROME

Christianity the days of Me.

Domitian. "Non licet esse vos."

you may not profess the Christian religion, resounded in every tribunal of the Empire, and in the Colosseum arose daily the cry of "Lions for the Christians." But the diversity of the parson or curate. Although under modern conditions the rubric has lost much of its meaning, it still continues in the meaning, it still continues in the Easter. The Bolshevists have renewed for Christianity the days of Nero and Domitian. "Non licet esse yos," for the Christians." But the blood of countless martyrs through-out the great Mediterranean state was the richest seed that could be planted. The faith grew rapidly according as the holy name of Christ was confessed before the judges and the executioners. Denounced as an impossible "third race of men," neither Jew nor Gentile, the spiritual progeny of the Gospel flourished incredibly, and defied the cruelty and ingenuity of the anti-Christian laws that stian became so numerous and complex that it took the genius of an Ulpian to codify them. "Do you the think these anti-Christian laws

their companions is a long cry. But the Russian martyrs are close spiritual kin to St. Lawrence, who refused to turn over to the Roman authority the treasures of the Church, and presented instead the long files of poor and crippled fact that almost all the faithful whom it supported. Similarly these martyrs of the Christian catechism stand before the throne movement in England in favor of of God crowned with a glory no less splendid than that which awaited the bishops and priests of long ago who were put to death for teaching the Apostles' Creed to their neophytes. It is significant, indeed, that this example of fearless resistance to secular tyranny should be given by the Roman Catholic clergy of Russia,

"ROME OR RED RUSSIA"

"Which will you choose, Rome or Red Russia?" In the deep silence that followed, the voice of the young priest rang out like the voice of an early Christian in the Flavian amphitheater. "Rome," he said with a smile. There spoke the immemorial unity and cohesion of the Catholic Church. The glorious young martyr knew that behind him toward the Roak of Pater and m towered the Rock of Peter, and that within its shadow his spirit was secure, whatever violence his

never dared to withstand its brutal CHURCH EXISTS BY DIVINE AUTHORITY incursions into the sanctuary of ecclesiastical liberty. No Gregory VII. or Innocent III. appeared at the great crises of its religious life, and multitudes found never a courageous leader to withstand the alternate savagery and Byzantinism of its secular oppressors. In the dull apathy and spiritual inertia of its people, stirred by no monuments or memories of heroic assertion of the true nature and the inalienable rights of Holy Church, lies the chief hope of its government of inter-national bandits. They have simply inherited that spirit and practice of civil domination of the Christian religion in Russia which has disgraced its annals from Peter the Great to Pobledonostseff.

DATES OF IMPORTANT CATHOLIC ASSEMBLIES

Washington, D. C., April 23.— Dates and places of important national conventions of Catholic societies and federations announced for this year are as follows:

June 25-80.—Catholic Educational Association at Cleveland.

June 26-27.—Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems at Mil-

waukee.
June 29-30.—Catholic Press Association of Indianapolis.

July 18-21. — Ancient Order of Hibernians and Ladies' Auxiliary at Montreal. August 7-10.-Knights of Colum

bus at Montreal.
August 9-12.—Catholic Students'
Mission Crusade at Notre Dame,

August 19-22.-National Catholic Central Society at Milwaukee. September 9-14.—National Conference of Catholic Charities at

CATHOLIC CUSTOMS PERSIST

London, Eng.—Religious observances of the Easter season brought to light many interesting remnants of Catholic customs persisting in Anglican rites, and also tended to illustrate a growing trend toward liturgical usage on the part of

Catholics themselves.

The Reformation of England retained the hierarchical and liturgical forms and many of the reminders of Catholic England are still found in a modified form in the Anglican church. meaning, it still continues in the custom both among the Catholics and Anglicans of all the Easter offertories being devoted to the parish clergy. Another interesting surviyal is the ceremony of distributing the Royal Alms carried out in Westminster Abbey on Holy Thursday. High officials of the Court whose titles hark back to Catholic times, participate in this ceremony. Purses are distributed became so numerous and complex that it took the genius of an Ulpian to codify them. "Do you think these anti-Christian laws fell from heaven" was the scornful criticism of Tertullian.

From the holy martyr St. Lawrence in the middle of the third century to Archbishop Cepliak, Father Butkiewicz and their companions is a long cry. at this ceremony and a trace of this custom is found today in the practice of the Anglican prelates who take part of girding them-

one very noticeable feature about the solemn ritual ceremonies at Westminster Cathedral is the this following of the liturgy by the faithful in preference to engaging in private devotion particularly at High Mass. It is a matter to attract attention that in West-minster Cathedral ceremonies such as those of Easter Week are more frequently accompanied by the use of the missal than the rosary. Some predict that the day is not far distant when throughout the services.

BISHOPS RESIGN FROM POLISH DIET

Warsaw, April 9. — At the last elections two Bishops were elected to the Senate. They are Mgr. Teodorowicz, the Armenian Uniat Archbishop of Leopol, a most active member of the first Polish Diet during the four years of its existence, and Mgr. Sapieha, Prince impression on the minds of the great throng of spectators who crowded the Cathedral to its capacity. Bishop of Cracow, who enjoys deserved popularity as the organizer and first president of the Episcopal Committee of Cracow, the most active and extensive of the relief societies during the War.

their resignation to the President strange to note that nearly all of the Senate, who accepted them with expressions of the deepest regret. However, the decision of the Bishops is based on very serious reality today there are in Hungary reasons, the principal one being that 3,740,000 Roman Catholics, 170,000 the position of a dignitary of the Greek Catholics, 640,000 reformed, the position of a dignitary of the Church in a modern parliamentary atmosphere is one of considerable difficulty.

There are still several priests in the Senate as well as in the Diet. In the first Diet there were 30 priests out of a total of 400 mem-

DECENCY ON STAGE

Paris. April 9 .- One of the last Cabinet Meetings was devoted to the discussion of measures to be taken against the immoral plays being given in certain theaters. The Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Justice have been given special charge of the campaign for the repression of immoral spectacles.

A circular has been sent to the prefects of all the departments asking them to adopt vigorous measures against theatrical license, and to see that local magistrates and mayors use all the legal and administrative methods in their power to insure the respect of decency in theaters, concerts and places of public amusement.
Action has been taken in Paris.

Already two music-hall directors and several well-known dancers have been arrested and brought to

It will be remembered that quite recently several large associations of Catholic women, notably the "Ligue Patriotique des Françaises" sent a petition to the Minister of the Interior demanding intervention of the public authorities to suppress indecency on the stage. This action by the Catholic women of

CATHOLIC NOTES

Dr. Dorothy Collier, a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, is the first Catholic woman in the history of England to receive medical degree from Oxford University.

The Catholic population of Geneva showed an increase in the year 1922, with 79,893 faithful as compared with 77,721 in 1921. The number of Protestants, which was 87,048 in 1921, decreased in 1922 to

Zagreb, Jugoslavia, April 3.— The First National Eucharistic Congress of Jugoslavia will take place in Zagreb, the picturesque capital of Croatia, and the modern intellectual center of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. August 18 and 19 is the date set.

Dublin, April 18.-The Civic Guard, the police force organized by the Free State Government, has been consecrated to the Sacred Heart. The consecration ceremony took place in the Depot, Phoenix Park, Dublin. Fifteen hundred officers and men drawn up in hollow square were present on the occa-

Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, D. D., Bishop of London. will sing the Pontifical High Mass on the grounds of Mt. St. Joseph, London, Ont., at the Eucharistic Congress, Tuesday, July 3, 1923. Last year's Diocesan Congress was under the auspices of the Basilian Fathers at Sandwich College, this year's will be under the auspices of the Sisters of St.

Cleveland, April 23.-Word has been received here that the University of Fribourg has conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland. Bishop Schrembs of Cleveland. Bishop Schrembs is being congratulated by many friends on his new honor, which is for an American, a rare distinction, as the standards of Fribourg are very high.

Prague, April 3.—Msgr. Sramek, Minister of Public Hygiene, left for Rome a few days ago to inform the Vatican of the effects of the papal decree on the subject of non-participation of the clergy in politics. If any of the clergy in politics. If, as was the case in Poland, the deputies far distant when throughout the land the faithful will join in the singing of the Ordinary of the Mass as they do at the popular devotional distance who belong to the Catholic clergy are obliged to resign their public functions, the Catholic party of Czecho-Slovakia will lose its present leader, Msgr. Sramek.

His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to a class of over 1,000 converts at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The scene was one of the most solemn and memorable in the annals of the Archdiocese and left a deep and strong impression on the minds of the

After the downfall of the revolutionaries Catholic life in Hungary has taken new and consoling growth. It is in the press that progress has shown more clearly. For several years Hungary pos sessed but a single Catholic journal According to the Nouvelles Re-ligieuses, both Bishops have sent in 480,000 Lutherans and 470,000 Jews As one sees it, nearly two-thirds of the population are Catholics.

Chicago, April 23.-A bill designed to curb the activities of the Ku Klux Klan has been passed by the lower house of the Illinois Legislature by an over-whelming vote, which was inter-preted as an indication of the strength of popular feeling against the Klan. The final count was 107 to 3, in favor of the bill. Under the provisions of the proposed law it would be unlawful for anyone to appear in public while hooded, robed or masked so as to conceal his identity, or to disturb the peace, to kidnap, or to be guilty of assault and battery or assault with a deadly weapon. A fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment up to fourteen years is provided for violations of the

Lisieux, France, April 19.—Catholics of Lisieux in particular, and of France in general, are overjoyed at the coming Beatification of Sister Teresa of the Infant Jesus, the young Lisieux Carmelite. At Lisieux many vivid recollections of the holy Sister remain clearly engraved on the Catholic memory. The grandeur of the honors which have been decided more for her are have been decided upon for her are brought home all the more vividly to people of Lisieux by reason of the fact that two of her sisters are still liying in the Carmelite Monastery here. Preparations are on foot among the Catholics of the place to observe the day of her beatification with appropriate com-memoration, and the event will recall her holy life with new significance for the inhabitants of the