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#### ASH WEDNESDAY.

M. E. HENRY-ROFFIN.

"Remember, man, that dust thou art, and anto dust thou shall return."

In the prime of thy vigor, go manhood, and kneel. kneel, To-day, at the foot of God's altar and feel, When dread sounds the truth of mortali-

As thy brow is impressed, with the seal of the tomb.
That the paim of thy strength, which thou bearest with pride.
In a handful of ashes the grave will soon hide.
In a few fleeting years, as these ashes to thee.
To the world, all the pride of thy manhood will the paim of thy strength, which thou

in the light of thy beauty, fair maidenhood, go for the alter and bend in thy loveliness low: Thou will learn, there is nothing that nature can hold, But a handful of ashes, lifeless and cold. But thou shudder to think all thy brightness and bloom. Will be spiritless dust in the sleep of the tomb? Over its lesson then pender, for what thou dost see.

in a few, deeting years will thy maidenhood

With thy sorrowless spirit, go childhood and To receive the dread sign on thy shadowless nrow. In life's golden future, thou losest thy trust, As thou, wondering, heavest that " man is but dust."  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathrm{or}}^{\mathrm{inist}}$  tells that thy youth with its gladness and peace, 'Neath the grave, in the dust of oblivion will Ceruse. O'er its lesson then ponder; for what thou dost In a lew, fleeting years, all thy childhood will

The pale brow, where pressed the thorn-wreath of care. The dark symbol of death, without shrinking, cans't bear: cans'l bear: At the altar, then kneel; and the sound of the That hath terrors to others, will bid thee re-

older; For it says that thy wee, to the dust will descend. And that prace, in the sleep of thy asies, will and and, the clew, fleeting years as these ashes to thee, To thy soul, all its toil and its sorrows will be.

With the fature's grand promise, O, Christian with the soul 20.
At the after thy scorn for mortality show, on thy sport, there falls not a tremor of fear, That thy life to the nothing of dust is so near; Thom are fad that thy ashes alone will remain or the bonds of the flesh and the world's heavy should be the soul soul and the souls of the steady of the souls of the souls are the souls of th

chain. In a lew decime years, will thy spirit be tree, When a handful of ashes thy body will be Montalt, AltA., Feb. 20, 202.

-Catholic Universe.

### GLORIOUS GLENDALOUGH.

### BEAUTIES OF THE DARGLE AND THE VALE OF AVOCA.

Wickley's Charming Scenery-Through Mountain and Dale to the "Seven Charelies " -Kathleen's Sorrowful Death.

The wind blew great guns at Bray, yet the military band, in searlet jackets, stood in the big circle on the premenade

times the min sifts down, and the place grows diegry and dull.

From Bray, saving climbed into an Tris car you are driven over splendid roads, among groves and park lands, to [ the Dargle, The very moment you mount your ear a falkative, witty and good natured Con takes complete charge. of you. Here he draws rein to point out a rock with a marvellous history; there he bids you turn your head and get the best view in all Wicklow; now over one of the two lakes; and when he awoke from his slumbers, io? Katoleen's over were upon him and Katoleen's he puts you down as if you were a child of six years, and sends you on foot through a dark ravine, goes through the minutest directions, and a caution where she sank forever. And then the or two as to your deportment, and promises to meet you at the further end of saint's heart relented, and he prayed that it for this is the Dargle.

It is a wild chasm in the hills, choked with a dense growth of trees and vines, through which a small river rushes to the music of its own low voice. There is just a touch of weirdness in the rustic jungle; the trees are not on their good behavior, as they are for the most part in the well-kept parks. By a narrow path, a mile long, you thread the glen; on either side tower the abrupt cliffs, vine-clad and plumed with ferns. Now you comeupon a rapid, where the stream white with foam, and the drooping boughts of the oaks are torn by winter torrents; anon you steal out upon a silent pool, within whose crystal depths

the fish dart to and fro like shadows. The Dargle is very still; it is senti mental, not to say lachrymose, like most of the more celebrated Irish haunts. One continually expects to hear a rich voice, full of tears, wailing; or a plaintive voice that has wept itself out, so to speak, breathing the melancholy retrain of one of those delicious minor ballads which have as much of the color of the country in them as has the lark's song that of the English meadow, or the nightingale's plaint the tragic beauty

### A DESERTED ROMAN VILLA.

The burden of the Dargle is sweet water and sedgy banks; rocks and drift-wood and summer rest; deep shadows and gleams of sunlight stealing noiselessly between them; and now and again the whir of a bird's wing ficeing from its nest, or the sharp cry of the mate as it darts from a green spray overhead and disappears in the dusky wood.

At the top of the Dargle Con picks you country seat, where there are lawns and deer and well-kept hedges. King George IV. was entertained here when he visited up, and you jog on to Powers' court, a

attraction, being a little unreliable, was atthaction, lesing a little difference was in that time thoroughly revised and enlarged; a deep tank was dug above it to he have been?" I asked, curiously, "Me faather," he replied, and he broke into the roar of a song with reckless brapalace fountains, at the right moment; vado. but the king, for all this trouble, did not care to visit the waterworks. Had he stone cross, one of the historic relies of done so, I suppose an arch would have the Green Isle, and assured me that I been erected over the fall, bearing this was bound to marry within the year. He

beauty, the amazing fertility of the land, rheumatism and kindred inconveniences. its wonderful picturesqueness-never wearies, nor does there seem any limit to rock three times on my knees, but deit. Deep valleys, high mountains, forests, clined on account of the weather—the meadows, streams, are continually re-rock was like a soaked sponge—and peated, but ever in a new and charming thereby I lost an insurance against light. If you would have more of the

the Seven Churches the moment we who told me many things which were turned into the mouth of the somber green valley; I saw nothing but moist a factory chimney, in the center, and on each side high mountains that were swathed in cloud and mist. It was a they gets to Calway, in the west, there solemn spot; not a sound was heard in is nothing else after that, sor,"—touchall it lengths; a few sheep nibbled the ling his hat and scraping his foot; -well, long grass that grew in tufts among the "Irish Con" met some connades; and, rocks; here and there in the meadows as it was sheep-shearing day, refresh-the lazy cattle browzed, and a squirrel ran up a tree by the roadside as we had come in from the lake, where we jogged on toward a small village near the | nearly foundered, Con and his pals de-

THESE SEVEN CHURENCS

some of them nearly obliterated by time and the elements. The largest is scarce to echo his numbers: ly bigger than a country school-house. They are all of the rudest order of architecture, and the seven are so near to-gether that you see them at a single glance, when your eye has grown famifiar with the geography of the gien. Probably most men would pass them without suspecting them of being anything more than deserted cottages overgrown with vines and forms, and one or two of them nearly hidden by the branches of trees that have grown out of and over their roofless walls.

No one seems to know or care much when these churches were built; but tradition tells of a man who was born in led a Lermit life in this lonely wilderness. These churches were a part of a seat of learning he founded, and the present dilanidated condition of that seat points a moral or two. St. Kevin, the hermit above mentioned, fixed to the age of one hundred and twenty, and the day of his death is yet commemorated in Glendalongn. He lived a life of the strictest piety. When these queer little charches star as it is the rest of a time bubble swells; there is good battering there, and tweer three fine hote's house the bathers lark and lie down with the band; "but many of them died from over exertion alies hill called Bray Head, a lark and lie to your lark is an early bird. fear is a high hill called Bray Head, a particular for your lark is an early bird. So St. Kevin—bless his soni imprayed that the lark's song might never all directions of a watering that the lark's song might never again be heard in Glendalough; and to this hour the lark—if there he a lark there is voiceass in the neighborhood. I would it were not so a and is seen to make the sixting to an untimely close—for a cornet blow up close by the window under the sitting from and always lived as a mendicant died larly, and to heirs felt a delicacy in accepting the entry and unanimously gave the fourth part of it to this hour the lark—if there he a lark there is voiceass in the neighborhood. I would it were not so and it see no live large the fourth part of it to the search of the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood of versalles, France. An old woman, a widow, who close from the neighborhood is a window under the sitting from an untimely close from the neighborhood of height of the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood of the window under the sitting from a manifold of boys howled in chorus; albeit the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood of the window under the sitting from an untimely close from the neighborhood of the lark france. An old woman, a widow, who close from the neighborhood is allowed. France, An old woman, a widow, who close from the neighborhood of the lark france. An old woman a widow, who close from the neighborhood is allowed. I window under the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood of the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood is a window, who close from the neighborhood of the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood of the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood in chorus; albeit the festival to an untimely close from the neighborhood is an endicant former. I would it were not so t and I see no practical reason for the early demise of those masons, masmuch as they were at from shumber for two hours at leastliberty to lie down with the lamb: and, so help me, the lambs lie down a good nent of the day.

St. Kevin was tormented of a lover. one Kathleen, who prayed only " to look upon his sloudow; to hear not even his voice, but its echo omy." She followed him to his hermit cell in a small cave eves were upon him, and Kataleen's form filled the narrow entrance to his sanctuary. What followed? She retreated and fell into the lake below. no one hereafter might suffer so horrible a fate. The consequence is that you can't drown yourself there if you want to ever so much. I am assured of this for not very long ago a foolish boy, in a fit of desperation, threw himself into the water, and floated about like a cork. is a fact; there be those who saw him bobbing up and down in the ripples, and trying his best to dive; but he might as well have hoped to smother in an asphaltum sidewalk; in fact, his chances would have been better of a hot day. There are plenty of people who climb into

### ST. KEVIN'S BED,

as this small cave is called. Sir Walter Scott and kockhart, his son-in-law, creeped into it once upon a time; Lady Morgan and a thousand others have fol lowed the example-though it is no easy task to scale the smooth rock between

the lake and the mouth of the cave.

Tom Moore is to blame for all this; he has set Ireland to music, and not a spot in her of beauty or of interest but Tom has chimed his silvery couplets so daintily that his words come to your lips the very moment the subject of his darling meledies heaves in sight;

## Glendalough, thy gloomy wave Soon was gentle Kathleen's grave.

That is one of them, you know; and when I followed "Irish Con," a lank lad, with the brogue dripping from his tongue, he gave recitals under every bough; and it was ever a verse of Tom's and none other.

## "By that take whose gloomy shore Skylark never wabbles o'er."

said Con, though he meant "warble" with an audible r in it; and then Con paused close against the wall of one of

Ireland in 1821. The waterfall, its chief into a sunken grave against the wall. There lies the best guids ever was in

Con stretched my arms about a great legend: "Under the l'atronage of His seated me on a huge rock, with a groove in it worn by the constant friction of Trotting through County Wicklow is like exploring an inexhaustible nursery shake my right leg thrice, which I did of nature. The variety of scenery—its with a flourish. This insured me against I was urged to make the circuit of the 'pearls in the eyes," glanders, etc.

Dargle, and on a somewhat larger scale, you will get in in the Devil's Glen; but I won't trouble you with a description of it.

But—must I confess the truth?—
"Irish Con," who salutes me with "The top of the morning!" who cried "More power to your honor!" whenever I Let us come to Glendalough—the glen climbed a wall or sprang over a bank, or of the two lakes—at once. I looked for made any physical exertion whatever; quite new to me and of the greatest interest—such as, for instance, "Folks as meadows with a dark round tower, like studied at the grand universities does very well, but they all comes to Ireland to complete their education; and when

serted me.
The vale of Avoca. Tom has sung it THESE SEVEN CHUBENCS and the very gale that sighs through are seven ruins, black with age, and the green solitude of the dear spot seems

> There is not in this wide world a valley so As the Vale in whose bosom, the bright waters meet: Oh! The last rays of feeling and life must depart, Ere the bloom of that valley shall fade from my heart.

I put up at a wee bit of an inn hidden quite away under the hill on one side of the valley. The river was close at hand; I heard its gurgling in the night when I awoke; and a rook, very house and illhumored, screamed at intervals by the window. What could I do the while but laugh over the affairs that prefaced my

first sweet sleep?
The rain had been falling all the eventies, was bap dized by St. Cronan, and who ling. There was a piano in the sittingcom -an instrument that sounded very like a harp that has been out in bad weather-and for amusement I struck its clammy keys, till the strings, a little flabby and very uncertain, quivered in the most extraordinary manner. There was a response from below-in fact, from the taproom; a violin sawed by an unskilled hand echoed my strains. Now it was "The Harp That Once Through Tara's Halls," and now "Kathleen Ma yourneen," or "The Last Rose of Summer"; but "Sweet Bay of Dublin" and

I believe I kept the whole community yet the rain was still beating on the roof, and the eaves were spouting noisily.

Now it is nearly noon; the sky breaks from time to time, but before I can mount the low-back car and be off, it is storming like sixty. Goodness knows when I am to get out of this, and find a prospect more inspiring than the narrow Vale recking with warm musts and a dim vista of fading hills, lost again and again beyond the shifting curtains of the rain.

### MONKS AND MONASTICISM.

A Grand Telbute to Catholicity.

A lecture delivered at Newcastle-on-Tyne the other day by Canon Talbot, an Auglican clergyman, is a remarkable proof of the growth of enlightened views on Catholic topics. The reverend gentleman's subject was, "The Monk; the Hero as an Educator," and no man could do more ample justice to the work of the Monastic Orders. The monks, he acknowledged, were touched with the passion of true artists, and practised for the love of the work. The monks in their scriptoria were the illuminators of manuscripts. The monastery for centuries was the sole conservatoire of music. From the monastery came poetry, and Cadmon was the father of Shakespeare, Milton and Tennyson. The monastic miracle plays fostered the English drama, and we are indebted to the monks also for oratory, painting, the founding of towns, the origin of charities and the cultivation of the soil. The monks were great missionaries, and they taught needful lessons about the happiness of quiet, the utilization of the physically weak, the treatment of atflicted, the possibilities of a single life, the beauty of charity. The cloister was also the numery of great rulers, of the champions of popular rights of spiritual genius, and it drew out and encouraged the talents of women.

### A GREAT MISSION.

On the 20th March, the Paulist Fathers of New York will open a grand Mission, or Retreat, in St. Patrick's Church. The Rev. Father Quinlivan has succeeded in securing the services of these eloquent

#### RELIGIOUS NEWS ITEMS.

The Rev. Father Carmeli, General of the Silvestrian Congregation, died recently in Rome.

Mrs. Alexander Troup, wife of the editor of the New Haven Union, has been received into the Church.

Last Sunday, by order of Archbishon Ryan, a collection was taken up in every church in his diocese to aid the famine-stricken in Russia.

The Catholic Episcopate throughout the world, including the Vicars-Apostolic in missionary counties, now number more than 1,200 prelates. The Italian Government says it rules

the telegraph wires and allows no dispatches as to his Holiness's health to be sent out of Italy to the faithful. French interest in the cause of the

Pope is growing; an "association for the defence of the Pope" has been founded in France. The secretary is M. le Comte d'Yvert. The papers of continental Europe announce the conversion to Catholicism of Count John de Salis-Soglio, son-in-law of the late Prince de Caraman-Chimay. He was born in London in 1861.

Fourteen Superiors of the Houses of the Good Shepherd in the United States, will sall April 33 on the Etruria for France to attend the chapter for an election of a Mother General, to be held in May.

It is said that the young Khedive has sent an invitation to his former fellow-students at the Theresianum, a Catholic college Vienna, to visit him during their vacation, and he will be the age for them. send a steamer for them.

The Pope has conferred the Cross of St. Gregory on M. Iswolsky, the Russian envoy to the Vatican. This would seem to indicate that the negotiations between Russia and the Holy See are to bave a successful lesue.

Reuter's correspondent who is making a tour through the familie-stricken districts of flussia reports that at Sarato the most efficient relief is being administered by the Roman Catholic Bishop of the small German colony established in the district.

From Rome is announced the death of From Rome is aumonineed the Geath of the Rev. John Mary Cornoldi, S.J. He was a strenuous defender of the Papacy and a volum-tions writer. Owing to his talent the Holy Father called him to Rome and appointed him Secretary of the Roman Academy of St. Tho-

At Biackbarne almshouse, England, a an who by mistake was registered as a Pro-testant and who was a Catholic, was not al-lowed when dying to obtain the services of a priest until the local board sat and debated the propriety of his obtaining them. So much for hientry

Mr. G. W. Smalley cables to the New York Tribune as follows: A forthight ago I referred to the reception into the Catholic church of Lady Somers. I now hear of another convert, Lady Shorbone, who was received at the Oratory a short time ago by Father Godolphin Osborne,

Lord and Lady Pufferin occupied fald-stools near the altar at the high mass of re-quiem for Cardinal Manning at Rome. It was a surprise to find the representatives of the Queen assisting at a Catholic religious cere-mony, and marks a decided change in the spirit of the rulers in England towards the Catholic Cauch.

A missionary priest, Father Isidore Ricklin, has just gone to live among the famous Comanche Indians. He will pitch his tent in the midst of the tribe and five with them to learn the lauguage. He will begin by gathering a certain number of the children in his tent and teaching them the ciements of a primary school besides music and catechism.

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Our Roman correspondent learns on
the most reliable authority that certain proposals with regard to the hierarchy in Egypt
were made by the liftlish foreign office to the
Tapal secretary of state; but as the French
ambassador of the Vatican threatened to resign in case they were accepted, no further
steps were taken in the matter.—Liverpool
Catholic Times.

A remarkable case of conscientions

The Archduchess Margaretha of Austria, the daughter of the Archduke Charle Louis, having just recovered from a severe at teck of typhus, has sent as a thanksgiving offering to one of the Austrian shrimes of Ou. Lady of Perpetual Succor, a large golder heart, adorned with a star of diamonas, this last ornament being the chief piece of jewelry which the archduchess were at her first ball.

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The admirers of the Redemptorist Fathers will be pleased to learn that another son of St. Alphonsus will soon be enrolled on the calendar of the Saints. The beatification of the venerable servant of God, Gerard Marella a Redemptorist, will, it is said, take place on the occasion of the Pope's episcopal inbite, at the same time as the healification of the venerable Bianchl of the Barnahites, and Baldinucct of the Jesuits. His cause will come before the congregation of rites on the 26th of this month.

The London correspondent of the

The London correspondent of the Birmingham Post writes: "There is a report among leading Roman Catholes that the secession to their Church of one of the most highly placed members of the Peerage is shortly to be amounced. The molienau in question has long been known for his extreme High Church views, and to that extent the secession would cause little surprise." This would seem to point to the Duke of Newcastle.

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Senator Cantor has introduced his Freedom of Worship Bill in Albany and its provisions should satisfy every fair-minded citizen in the State of New York. But the preachers are up in arms against it and the Express and Mail prenounce it "the entering wedge." It simply provides that in all penal and charitable institutions supported by the state the inmates shall be entitled to the tree exercise of their religion. Shepherd says "this means the Mass." Of course it does, and any man that wants the Mass in this broad republic should have it, and shall have it.

Reports from Rome state that the health of the Very Rev. Father Whitty, S. J., one of the assistants to the late General of the Jesuits, Father Anderledy, and his predecessor Father Beckx, is causing great anxiety. Father Whitty, who is a native of Pouldarrigh, County Wexford, has occupied this important position in the Order for many years. He is suffering from Influenza. His sister, Mother Vincent Whitty, Introduced the Sisters of Mercy Into Queensland, where she celebrated the golden jublice of her profession a few months ago.

The destruction by fire the other day

The destruction by fire the other day The destruction by fire the other (ay of the ine new college which the Benedictines had practically completed at Manchester, N.H., was the cause of sore grief to the Cathodies of that enterprising city, who had looked forward to the great advantages that would actrue to the church from the opening of the institution. The work of rebuilding will doubtless be commenced without delay, as the Benedictine fathers who have charge of the college are men of determination; and the Manchester Catholics will raily to their aid and help them to repair their losses.

Payarding the recent atrocious out-

Regarding the recent atrocious outrages on Catholic missionaries in China, Father Chauvin, S. J., rector of the Jesuit College at Zi-Ka-Wei, China, in a letter written becomber 29, 1891, and just received at the Georgetown College, says: "After the troubles and disasters of which our mission has latterly been the victim, we are once more at peace, and can now ropair our rains, which consist of twelve churches, with residences, burnt down, seven destroyed, and fourteen sacked and nillaged. We have been indemnified for our losses by the mandarins, but the guilty have not been brought to punishment; hence we cannot count upon security hereafter. A rebellion has even broken out in Mongolia."

Pere Monsabre the famous Dominion Regarding the recent atrocious out-

Pere Monsabre, the famous Dominican orator, who, it is intimated, may be made a

cardinal at the next consistory, was a secular priest for some years before joining the order to which he now belongs. He was ordained for the French diocese of Blois, and entered the Dominican order at Chalais, in 1855. He succeeded the unfortunate Hyacinthe is the pulpit of Notre Dame, Paris, which he filled with wonderful success until quite recently. His elevation to the cardinalate would be a filting recognition of his eminent piety and abilities and agreat honor to his order.

The Protestant Alliance of Great

The Protestant Alliance of Great Britain is thoroughly alarmed at the spread of Catholicity in that country. They have laid a petition before Parliament asking for a commission to investigate the monastic institutions. They allege that numbers of non-Catholies have embraced the religion of Rome during the past quarter of a century, and that the growth of Romanism "has become a menace to the nation."

If every Catholic who is anxious to If every Catholic who is anxious to spread the light would subscribe for a copy of a good Catholic paper and send it to a Catholic family that is drifting away from the Church, or to an indifferent Catholic home in which there are a large number of children whose instruction in their religion is neglected, or to a Catholic married to a Protestant and apt to fall away from the faith, or to a Sincere Protestant likely to listen to the truth, what boundless possibilities would be reached!

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The archbishops and bishops of Ireland at a recent meeting in Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, passed resolutions claiming a more equitable capitation grant in the case of convent schools, and suggesting that in the distribution of the Irish portion of the surplus, if the present arrangements regarding school fees are changed £100,000 should be allotted for this purpose, and an increase in the teachers' class salaries be also made, demanding the carrying out of the recommendation of the Powis Commission of 1870 in regard to schools practically denominational, and renewing the protests of the bishops against the continuance of the model schools.

model schools.

—The election of the general of the Jesuits, in succession to the late Very Rev. Father Anderledy, will take placed in May at the German-Hungarian College, in Rome, and will be presided over by Father Luis Martin, vicar-general. A congregation will be previously held in every province, consisting of fifty members, made up of the rectors and the oldest professed fathers, who will choose two deputies to go, along with the provincial, to the general congregation, which will include three from each province of the society, the vicar-general, procurator general, secretary, and dive assistants. The latter body, thus consituted, will elect the incoming general, secretary and assistants, who will be empowered to legislate with full authority in every matter concerning the order.

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Probably the recent utterances of Leo III., wherein the Sovereign Pontiff declared that the duty of the French Catholics was to support the republe, and avoid all clashes with the state that were unnecessary, contributed in no small degree to the defeat of the Freyelnet government. The Holy Father has seldom shown in similar circumstances greater prudence and tact than he has exhibited in the whole course of the presnt French agitation, and it is to be regretted that his enterts to bring about amicable relations between the Catholics of France and the civil authorities appear to meet with oppsition on the part of certain French prelates. With a Papal nuncio, though resident at Paris, His Holiness can make his voice heard throughout France, without he cooperation of the royalists in the hierarchy.

—In response to a congratulatory

voice heard throughout France, without the cooperation of the royalists in the hierarchy,
address presented to General Washington on
behalf of the Catholics of the United States, by
Charles Carroll of Carrollion and others, on
the occasion of his inauguration as itest President of the United States, Washington replied;
"Gentlemen—I hope ever to see America
among the formost nations in examples of justice and liberality. And I presume that your
(non Catholic) fellow-citizens will not forget
the patriotic part which you took in the accomplishment of tholir government, or the Important assistance which they received from a
mation (France under Louis XVI.) in which
the Roman Catholic religion is professed; I
thank you, gentlemen, for your kind concern
for me. White my life and my health shall
continue, in whatever I may be, it shall be my
endeavor to justify the favorable sentiments
you are pleased to expressed of my conduct.
And may the members of your society in
America, animated alone by the pure spirit of
Christianity, and still conducting themselves
as the faithful subjects of our free government,
enloy every temporal and spiritual chicky."

Father Luis Martin, nonunaced vicar-

Father Luis Martin, nonunated vicargeneral of the Society of Jesus, was born in
spain in the year 1896. He studied theology
under Canon Penaci Burgos cathedral, rhetorie
under Fathers Criarie and Trabum, S. J.,
and having incther gone through a careful
course of philosophy, he was elected professor
of rhetoric at the Jesuit College of Poyanne,
Father Martin, says the London Tablet, was afterwards elected rector of the Jesuit Sandinary
at Salamanca, where he showed great ability in
organization, and was soon nominated provincial of Castile Ifo was eventually called
away from Spain to act as one of the secretaries of the general of the society. Father Martin
is said to be an orator of repute, a deep theologian, an excellent philosopher, an accomplished writer and an able administrator. He
has much knowledge of the ancient classics,
and has written Spainsh poetry with success,
Among the generals of the Society of Jesus
there have been cloven Italians, five Spanlards
and three Belgians, while Germany, Switzerland, Poland, Bohemea and Holland have each
produced one. Father Luis Martin, nonmated vicarproduced one.

In order to correct the many erroncous statements that are being made in regard to the dispensation from the Lenten fast accorded by Leo III. this year, the following quotation from Cardinal Monoco's letter to the archishons, bishops and ordinaries of the Cathobe world is made: "Wherefore, availing himself of the service of the sacred council of the Supreme Roman Universal Inquisition, the Holy Father, by apostolic authority, impurts to all archibshops, bishops and ordinaries in all regions in which the aloresald disease (the grippe) prevalls, power to absolve the faithful of their charge from the obligation of fasting and abstinence, as long as in their judgment the state of the public health requires this indulgence." It will be seen that the Pope does not grant any general dispensation, or any particular one, but leaves it to each ordinary to decide whether or not such a dispensation shall be granted for his diocese. In case the ordinary decides that the dispensation is needed, the Pope empowers him to grant it to his diocessans, and already some prelates have availed themselves of this power by granting a dispensation from the Lenten fast and abstinence, Fridays excepted in the latter case, and urging the practice of good works in its stead. Of course, when the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is a stead of the dispensation is granted, nother is granted and the stead of the second In order to correct the many erroneous

Curdinal Gasper Mermillod, bishop of Lausanne and Geneva, died lust Tuesday at the age of 68. He was born near Geneva, and at a very early age became a priest. In 1784 he was consecrated bishop of Hebron, i. p. i., and appointed auxiliary to the bishop of Lousanne and Geneva, as vicar-general. In 1873 Pope Plus IX. nominated him vicar-apostolic of Geneva, which was thus separated from the diocese of Lausanne. This act was considered as the creation of a new hierarchical office in the canton without the consent of the government. Consequently, on Feb. 17, the bishop was oxited, and it was added, "this decree is to hold good as long as the person elected shall not declare to the federal council, or to the government of Geneva, that he renounces the functions conferred upon him, contrary to the decisions of the cantonal and federal authorities." For ten years Monsignor Mermillod was absent from his flock, yet ever active in his zealous labors for the Catholic faith in France, in Rome and in other parts of Europe, being regarded as one of the most eminent prelates of the Roman Catholic church. Exactly ten years after his exite. Pope Leo XIII, on March 24, 1883, preconized! Monsignor Mermillod bishop of Lausanne and Geneva, in which capacity he returned to his flock. Cardinal Mermillod has published numerous "sermons," "conferences," "discourses," and other works on theological topics. Cardinal Gasper Mermillod, bishop of

Gen. Roberts, commander-in-chief of the British Indian army, has been elevated to the peerage, and gazetted as Baron Roberts of Candahar and the city of Waterford.

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# THE CHURCH IN PALESTINE

CONDITION OF CATHOLICITY IN THE EAST.

An Able Article from a Learned Priest Upon the Workings of Faith in the Holy Land.

Father Lynch, O.S.F., in the Franciscan Tertiary for December, gives some interesting particulars of the present state of the Church in the Holy Land and Syria. The Franciscans have for centuries been specially charged with the church administration in Jerusalem and the surrounding countries for the Latin Catholics. The organization of Catholic Church, however, is widely different in Syria and the adjoining countries from what it is in Europe and America. From the earliest days of the Church the Christians of the East, while acknowledging the supremacy of the Holy See, have been divided into national churches, each governed by a Patriarch whose jurisdiction extends over all the bishops and archbishops of his own

Each nation retains a different language for church use, and also varies in the form of saying Mass and the laws of fasting and many other points of church discipline. In most of them the priests may be married men, though generally, as in the Greek Church, which itself is only one of the old patriarchates that has become schismatical, a priest is not allowed to marry after ordination. The old Christian nations thus organized have decreased terribly in numbers under the Mahometan rule which has prevailed in Western Asia for the last twelve centuries. Many of them, too, have fallen into schism or even heresy, but large numbers still remaim in full communion with the Holy See. The Crusades and the Venetians and other European nations with the East have besides brought a considerable Catholic population into the large cities, and these and their lescendants retained the usages of the West in their religious observances. Though converts from Mahometanism are few a good many of the schismatical Christians of Syria and the adjoining countries have been converted by the Catholic priests from Italy and France, and most of them have naturally adopted the Latin rite. Thus the Catholic population of the Holy Land and Syria may be subdivided into Latin Catholics, Armonian Catholics, Melchite Catholics, Maronite Catholics and Chaldean Catholies. Each of those bodies has a distinct organization and a different clergy and

The Maronites and Melchites use the Arabic in their service and a married clergy. The Jesuits however, have several schools and missions among them clergy. and of course they themselves retain the Latin language and discipline, though they make no attempt to substitute it for the national liturgies among their pupils. The Caldeans use the Syrian language which is similar to the Hebrew in many respects, and they depend on a Patriarch of their own. The Armenian Catholics use the Armeniau language and have a Patriarch, Mgr. Hassonn was a Cardinal, as any r ern rite may be without changing his liturgy. The majority of the Armenian race which numbers several millions and is spread through Russia and Austria as well as Turkey and Persia is, however, schismatical and is ruled by a Patriarch who does not acknowledge at present the jurisdiction of the Holy See.

The Church in Syria is increasing in numbers, but in different ways. Individuals who leave the different schismatic or heretical communions for the Catholic Church generally join the Latin Communion which is identical with that of the rest of the Catholic world. When, however, whole districts or dioceses, as sometimes happens, desire to unite with the Church, they usually retain both their national liturgy and their original clergy. The latter make submission as well as their people, and as the priests are already validly ordained, they are simply admitted to the exercise of the sacred functions in communion with the Holy See, much the same as a suspended priest is restored to his duties in America or Europe. The Latin Catholics who, as has been said, are mostly native Syrians, follow the same rules of discipline as Catholics in America. The Franciscans, however, by a special arrangement are the ordinary clergy, and even the Latin Bishops are taken from that Order, though, of course, subject directly to the Pope for their jurisdiction. The Catholics of the different rites make up much the largest portion of the Christian population of Syria. The immigration from that country to America has already brought a number of Maronite Catholics to New York, but they are being gradually merged in the mass of the Catholic population as the jurisdiction of an Eastern patriarch is purely national, and the Maronite priests in America or Europe have to obtain their taculties from the Bishops of their new residences directly. Father Lynch promises to give a full list of the Latin Christian churches in Syria in another number, which will be decidedly interesting.

Bourget College, Rigand.

On Monday, 14th March, a grand dramatic and musical emertainment will be given by the pupils of the Bourget College, Rigaud, P.Q., in honor of Iroland's Patron Saint. Mr. H. J. Cloran, of Montreal, will deliver an address upon "Ireland." The programme will consist of an original Irish drams, in four acts, entitled "More Sinned against than Sinning." Between the acts symnastic performances by students and selections by the College hand will enliven the evening. At the close a one act comedy, entitled "The Old Landlord," will be played; and at the close a tableau evenu of St. Patrick will compite the entertainment. Return tickets by O. P. R. will be sold (at Windsor station) at single fare, good for the 14th, 15th and 16th March. Bourget College, Rigard.

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